

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Garcia

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the transportation disadvantaged;  
3           amending s. 427.0155, F.S.; authorizing community  
4           transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the  
5           coordinating board, to plan for and use regional fare  
6           payment systems under certain circumstances which  
7           enhance cross-county mobility for specified purposes  
8           for certain persons who are unable to transport  
9           themselves or to purchase transportation; amending s.  
10          427.0157, F.S.; requiring each coordinating board to  
11          evaluate multicounty or regional transportation  
12          opportunities to include regional fare payment  
13          systems, when available, which enhance cross-county  
14          mobility for specified purposes for such persons;  
15          providing an effective date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19           Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 427.0155,  
20           Florida Statutes, to read:

21           427.0155 Community transportation coordinators; powers and  
22           duties.—Community transportation coordinators shall have the  
23           following powers and duties:

24           (10) In cooperation with the coordinating board, plan for  
25           and use regional fare payment systems when available and cost-  
26           effective, which enhance cross-county mobility for the  
27           transportation disadvantaged to access employment, health care,  
28           education, shopping, or other life-sustaining services across  
29           one or more county lines.

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30 Section 2. Subsection (6) of section 427.0157, Florida  
31 Statutes, is amended to read:

32 427.0157 Coordinating boards; powers and duties.—The  
33 purpose of each coordinating board is to develop local service  
34 needs and to provide information, advice, and direction to the  
35 community transportation coordinators on the coordination of  
36 services to be provided to the transportation disadvantaged. The  
37 commission shall, by rule, establish the membership of  
38 coordinating boards. The members of each board shall be  
39 appointed by the metropolitan planning organization or  
40 designated official planning agency. The appointing authority  
41 shall provide each board with sufficient staff support and  
42 resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities  
43 under this section. Each board shall meet at least quarterly and  
44 shall:

45 (6) Evaluate multicounty or regional transportation  
46 opportunities to include regional fare payment systems, when  
47 available, which enhance cross-county mobility for the  
48 transportation disadvantaged to access employment, health care,  
49 education, shopping, or other life-sustaining services across  
50 one or more county lines.

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.