

By 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, 2018.