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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the transportation disadvantaged;
 amending s. 427.0155, F.S.; requiring community
 transportation coordinators, in cooperation with the
 coordinating board, to increase and support programs
 that enhance cross-county mobility for specified
 purposes for the transportation disadvantaged;
 amending s. 427.0157, F.S.; requiring each
 coordinating board to evaluate multicounty or regional
 transportation opportunities to increase and support
 such programs; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(10) In cooperation with the coordinating board, increase
 and support programs that enhance cross-county mobility for the
 transportation disadvantaged to access employment, health care,
 education, shopping, or other life-sustaining services across
 one or more county lines.

Section 2. Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes, is amended

26 | to read:

27 | 427.0157 Coordinating boards; powers and duties.—The
 28 | purpose of each coordinating board is to develop local service
 29 | needs and to provide information, advice, and direction to the
 30 | community transportation coordinators on the coordination of
 31 | services to be provided to the transportation disadvantaged. The
 32 | commission shall, by rule, establish the membership of
 33 | coordinating boards. The members of each board shall be
 34 | appointed by the metropolitan planning organization or
 35 | designated official planning agency. The appointing authority
 36 | shall provide each board with sufficient staff support and
 37 | resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities
 38 | under this section. Each board shall meet at least quarterly and
 39 | shall:

40 | (1) Review and approve the coordinated community
 41 | transportation disadvantaged service plan, including the
 42 | memorandum of agreement, prior to submittal to the commission.‡

43 | (2) Evaluate services provided in meeting the approved
 44 | plan.‡

45 | (3) In cooperation with the community transportation
 46 | coordinator, review and provide recommendations to the
 47 | commission on funding applications affecting the transportation
 48 | disadvantaged.‡

49 | (4) Assist the community transportation coordinator in
 50 | establishing eligibility guidelines and priorities with regard

51 to the recipients of nonsponsored transportation disadvantaged
52 services that are purchased with Transportation Disadvantaged
53 Trust Fund moneys.

54 (5) Review the coordination strategies of service
55 provision to the transportation disadvantaged in the designated
56 service area. ~~and~~

57 (6) Evaluate multicounty or regional transportation
58 opportunities to increase and support programs that enhance
59 cross-county mobility for the transportation disadvantaged to
60 access employment, health care, education, shopping, or other
61 life-sustaining services across one or more county lines.

62 (7) Work cooperatively with local workforce development
63 boards established in chapter 445 to provide assistance in the
64 development of innovative transportation services for
65 participants in the welfare transition program.

66 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.