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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Appropriations  
(Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and  
Economic Development)

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 plan for and use any available  
and cost-effective regional fare payment systems 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, including any available regional fare  
payment systems that enhance cross-county mobility for  
specified purposes for the transportation  
disadvantaged; 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, plan for  
and use regional fare payment systems, if available and cost  
effective, which enhance cross-county mobility for the  
transportation disadvantaged to access employment, health care,



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27 education, shopping, or other life-sustaining services across  
28 one or more county lines.

29 Section 2. Section 427.0157, Florida Statutes, is amended  
30 to read:

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

44 (1) Review and approve the coordinated community  
45 transportation disadvantaged service plan, including the  
46 memorandum of agreement, prior to submittal to the commission.†

47 (2) Evaluate services provided in meeting the approved  
48 plan.†

49 (3) In cooperation with the community transportation  
50 coordinator, review and provide recommendations to the  
51 commission on funding applications affecting the transportation  
52 disadvantaged.†

53 (4) Assist the community transportation coordinator in  
54 establishing eligibility guidelines and priorities with regard  
55 to the recipients of nonsponsored transportation disadvantaged



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56 services that are purchased with Transportation Disadvantaged  
57 Trust Fund moneys.

58 (5) Review the coordination strategies of service provision  
59 to the transportation disadvantaged in the designated service  
60 area. ~~;~~ and

61 (6) Evaluate multicounty or regional transportation  
62 opportunities, including regional fare payment systems, if  
63 available, which enhance cross-county mobility for the  
64 transportation disadvantaged to access employment, health care,  
65 education, shopping, or other life-sustaining services across  
66 one or more county lines.

67 (7) Work cooperatively with local workforce development  
68 boards established in chapter 445 to provide assistance in the  
69 development of innovative transportation services for  
70 participants in the welfare transition program.

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