A bill to be entitled

An act relating to 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 programs 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, 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 to read:

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

(1) Review and approve the coordinated community transportation disadvantaged service plan, including the memorandum of agreement, prior to submittal to the commission.~~;~~

(2) Evaluate services provided in meeting the approved plan.~~;~~

(3) In cooperation with the community transportation coordinator, review and provide recommendations to the commission on funding applications affecting the transportation disadvantaged.~~;~~

(4) Assist the community transportation coordinator in establishing eligibility guidelines and priorities with regard to the recipients of nonsponsored transportation disadvantaged services that are purchased with Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund moneys.

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

(6) Evaluate multicounty or regional transportation opportunities to 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.

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

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