

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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HOUSE BILL 229  
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/7/11

Short Title: Rural Operating Assistance Program Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 3, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR REGIONAL  
3 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR ELDERLY AND  
4 DISABLED TRANSPORTATION AND ASSISTANCE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE  
5 COUNTIES THAT THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR REGIONAL  
6 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SERVES.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-44.27 reads as rewritten:

9 "**§ 136-44.27. North Carolina Elderly and Disabled Transportation Assistance Program.**

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11 (e) Funds distributed by the Department under this section shall be used by ~~counties~~  
12 counties, public transportation authorities, or regional public transportation authorities in a  
13 manner consistent with transportation development plans which have been approved by the  
14 Department and the Board of County Commissioners. To receive funds apportioned for a given  
15 fiscal year, a county shall have an approved transportation development plan. Funds that are not  
16 obligated in a given fiscal year due to the lack of such a plan will be distributed to the eligible  
17 counties based upon the distribution formula prescribed by subsection (d) of this section.

18 (f) A regional public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 25 or Article  
19 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes may, upon written agreement with the  
20 municipalities served by a public transportation authority or counties served by the regional  
21 public transportation authority, apply for and receive any funds to which the member  
22 municipality or counties are entitled to receive based on the distribution formula set out in  
23 subsection (d) of this section."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

