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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 919, L.D. 1258, Bill, “An Act To Increase Access to Transportation for Workforce and Other Essential Transportation Needs”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Requirements. The Department of Transportation shall encourage local volunteer driver networks funded in section 2 to work with regional transportation providers to leverage the providers' experience, mobility management systems, vehicles and other resources; seek financial assistance from municipalities and other sources; charge modest fares; and serve all interested residents. The Department of Transportation shall distribute the funding for regional transportation providers in section 2 using the same formula as that by which current state public transportation funding is distributed, with 50% distributed to urban areas according to the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration formula and 50% distributed to rural areas according to the standards governing the Federal Transit Administration formula grants for rural areas under 49 United States Code, Section 5311, which include the number of square miles in the service area, the population of the service area and the percentage of low-income individuals in the service area. Regional transportation providers shall give preference to needs in their region in allocating funding.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Multimodal - Transit 0443**

Initiative: Provides funding for regional transportation providers throughout the State to expand their services. Funding must be split evenly between rural and urban areas.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
2	All Other	\$9,500,000	\$9,500,000
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,500,000</u>	<u>\$9,500,000</u>

5 **Multimodal - Transit 0443**

6 Initiative: Provides funding to support and expand local volunteer driver networks.

7	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
8	All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

11	TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
12	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
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14	GENERAL FUND	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
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16	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$10,000,000</u>
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18 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
 19 section number to read consecutively.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This amendment provides funding to the Department of Transportation from the
 22 General Fund instead of the Highway Fund to support and expand local volunteer driver
 23 networks and for regional transportation providers through the State to expand their
 24 services. Resources must be distributed evenly between urban and rural areas.