## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2011

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Short Title:	Rural Operating Assistance Program Changes.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Owens.	
Referred to:		

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW A REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED TRANSPORTATION AND ASSISTANCE FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTIES THAT THE REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY SERVES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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- (e) Funds distributed by the Department under this section shall be used by counties <u>or regional public transportation authorities</u> in a manner consistent with transportation development plans which have been approved by the Department and the Board of County Commissioners. To receive funds apportioned for a given fiscal year, a county shall have an approved transportation development plan. Funds that are not obligated in a given fiscal year due to the lack of such a plan will be distributed to the eligible counties based upon the distribution formula prescribed by subsection (d) of this section.
- (f) A regional public transportation authority created pursuant to Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes may, upon written agreement with the counties served by the regional public transportation authority, apply for and receive any funds to which the member counties are entitled to receive based on the distribution formula set out in subsection (d) of this section."

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

