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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1469

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to amend and reenact section 39-04.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to conditions for public transportation funding.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-04.2-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-04.2-04. Distribution of funds - Continuing appropriation.**

1. Moneys in the public transportation fund must be disbursed under guidelines issued by the director. The funds must be used by transportation providers to establish and maintain public transportation, especially for the elderly and handicapped, and may be used to contract to provide public transportation, as matching funds to procure money from other sources for public transportation and for other expenditures authorized by the director. If a transportation provider receives funds from the public transportation fund, that transportation provider shall provide transportation to a disabled veteran at no charge if the transportation is within a funded transportation program, the disabled veteran qualifies for United States department of veterans' affairs health care benefits, and the disabled veteran otherwise qualifies for the funded transportation program. Moneys in the public transportation fund are appropriated to the department of transportation on a continuing basis for distributions authorized under this section.
2. Each county shall receive a base amount of four-tenths of one percent of the appropriation for the program plus one dollar and fifty cents per capita of population in the county, based upon the latest regular or special official federal census. Each year the director shall increase or decrease the one dollar and fifty cents per capita amount in order to distribute all funds appropriated for the biennium. If there are multiple transportation providers in one county, ~~then~~ the base amount must be divided equally among the providers and the additional per capita amount must be based upon the percentage of elderly and handicapped ridership provided by each transportation provider within the county. Funds not expended by a county during a contract period, or previous contract periods, may be redistributed under guidelines established by the director. In addition, unexpended funds may also be used by the director for transit coordination purposes."

Renumber accordingly