

## Amendment: 8

Representative **HERBKERSMAN** proposes the following amendment:

### Section 117 – General Provisos

Amend:

**117.145.** (Mental Health Transportation) (A) Funds appropriated to the Department of Mental Health for the Alternative Transportation Program shall exclusively be used to support the transportation of individuals pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 17, Title 44 of the 1976 Code and as defined herein. These funds may be carried forward and expended for the same purpose.

(B) In accordance with the terms of the contract awarded pursuant to Act 239 of 2022, Proviso 117.154, the Department may elect to amend the contract to add additional counties.

(C) When transportation is provided through this Alternative Transportation Program, the written agreement described in Section 44 17 440(A) of the 1976 Code shall not be required.

(D) No later than ~~January 15, 2024~~ June 30, 2025, the authority Department shall provide the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee with a report on the implementation of this program. The report shall include a projection of the annualized amount by which the cost of a statewide Alternative Transportation Program might, at full implementation, exceed the amount appropriated for the program in the current fiscal year.