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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Hillsborough County;
3 providing for the consolidation of the job
4 training partnership programs of the City of
5 Tampa and of Hillsborough County; providing for
6 employees who are transferred from the city to
7 the county to elect, within a specified
8 deadline, to remain in the City of Tampa
9 pension plan or to transfer to the Florida
10 Retirement System; providing procedures for
11 making the election; providing that county job
12 training partnership program employees who are
13 hired after a specified date become members of
14 the Florida Retirement System; providing an
15 effective date.
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17 WHEREAS, the United States Congress, on October 13,
18 1982, enacted Public Law Number 97-300, the Job Training
19 Partnership Act (hereinafter referred to as the "JTPA"), and
20 charged the State of Florida with the duty of establishing
21 local service delivery areas (hereinafter "SDAs"), and
22 WHEREAS, the unincorporated and incorporated areas
23 within the confines of the boundaries of Hillsborough County
24 have been designated by the Governor of this state as the SDA,
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26 WHEREAS, prior to July 1, 1996, the City of Tampa and
27 Hillsborough County were independent JTPA entities that
28 provided programs in separate areas, and, as a result of the
29 Governor's designation of the unincorporated and incorporated
30 areas of Hillsborough County as the local service delivery
31 area for JTPA programs, the City of Tampa and Hillsborough

1 County have combined their programs to serve the single SDA,
2 with Hillsborough County being the grant recipient and
3 administrative entity for Title II programs under the JTPA and
4 the substate grantee for Title III programs under the JTPA,
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6 WHEREAS, the consolidation of JTPA functions under a
7 single administrative and operating entity necessitates the
8 transfer of certain City of Tampa employees, each of whom may
9 or may not wish to take the option of remaining in the General
10 Employees' Pension Plan for the City of Tampa (the "pension
11 plan") once he or she becomes a Hillsborough County employee,
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13 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 23559, Laws of Florida, as
14 amended, an individual must be an employee of the City of
15 Tampa in order to participate in the pension plan, thereby
16 making such participation possible only if the Florida
17 Legislature adopts a special act authorizing such
18 participation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22 Section 1. City of Tampa employees to be transferred
23 to Hillsborough County; election of pension plan; costs of
24 plan for employees electing to remain in city's pension
25 plan.--All classified City of Tampa employees who, on June 30,
26 1998, are assigned to the City of Tampa's Job Training
27 Partnership Program shall be transferred on July 1, 1998, to
28 Hillsborough County positions that are commensurate with their
29 positions with the city. Each City of Tampa employee who is so
30 transferred may, by the deadline prescribed under section 2 of
31 this act, elect to remain a member of the General Employees'

1 Pension Plan of the City of Tampa for the duration of his or
2 her employment by the county or may elect to become a member
3 of the Florida Retirement System, with all its attendant
4 rights. The county must pay to the city the employer's share
5 of the pension costs for each employee who remains a member of
6 the city pension plan, and the county must also deduct from
7 each such employee's salary and remit to the city the
8 employee's share of the pension costs. Any person who is hired
9 by the county for its Job Training Partnership Program after
10 June 30, 1998, becomes a member of the Florida Retirement
11 System.

12 Section 2. Election procedures.--The election
13 procedure is as follows:

14 (1) Each employee who transfers from city to county
15 employment and who is covered by this act must be given
16 written notice of his or her right of election under section 1
17 of this act.

18 (2) Each such transferred employee has 15 calendar
19 days after the date of receipt of notice of his or her right
20 of election to elect to remain a member of the city pension
21 plan or to become a member of the Florida Retirement System.

22 (3) An employee who elects to become a member of the
23 Florida Retirement System or fails to make an election becomes
24 a member of the Florida Retirement System effective July 1,
25 1998.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect June 1, 1998.
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