

By Representative Crow

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Pinellas County; amending
 3 chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended;
 4 increasing the number of members of the
 5 Emergency Medical Services Authority required
 6 for a quorum from three to four; correcting
 7 terminology; providing an effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 80-585, Laws of
 12 Florida, is amended to read:

13 Section 1. There is hereby created a countywide
 14 Emergency Medical Services Authority, hereinafter called the
 15 "authority." The governing body of the authority and its
 16 membership shall be the Board of County Commissioners of
 17 Pinellas County. Four ~~Three~~ members of the authority shall
 18 constitute a quorum. The Chairperson of the Emergency Medical
 19 Services Advisory Council shall be an ex officio ~~ex-officio~~
 20 member of the authority without voting privileges. The
 21 authority shall keep a record of its transactions,
 22 resolutions, findings, determinations, recommendations and
 23 orders, which record shall be a public record.

24 Section 2. Section 3 of chapter 80-585, Laws of
 25 Florida, as amended by chapter 89-424, Laws of Florida, is
 26 amended to read:

27 Section 3. The authority shall make provision for EMS
 28 in any designated districts. This may be done on a contract
 29 management basis where new services are to be provided.
 30 However, where EMS are already being provided, full
 31 reimbursement shall be made by the authority to the EMS

1 provider for the reasonable and customary cost of said
2 services, such cost to be defined by the authority. The firm
3 receiving said management contract will operate under the
4 direction of the EMS medical director, carrying out such
5 policies and programs as the authority deems necessary. In
6 determining reimbursable costs pursuant to this section, where
7 EMS are already being provided, the authority may take into
8 consideration the standards and levels of service established
9 pursuant to section 2 and may reimburse the EMS providers for
10 reasonable actual costs incurred in providing EMS in
11 accordance with the standards and levels of service
12 established by the authority. However, neither the authority
13 nor the Board of County Commissioners may be required to pay
14 or budget for the payment of reimbursable costs to the EMS
15 providers if that payment would cause the annual budget of the
16 authority to exceed the 1.5 millage authorized by this article
17 ~~act~~. If budget requests approved by the authority for the new
18 fiscal year exceed the total estimated revenue available,
19 including ad valorem tax revenue generated by 1.5 mills, the
20 authority shall:

21 (1) Calculate the percentage of each provider's share
22 of the total requested and approved increases in the
23 authority's budget for the new fiscal year.

24 (2) Calculate the revenue available for funding
25 increases by subtracting the approved authority budget for the
26 current fiscal year from the total estimated revenue available
27 for the new fiscal year.

28 (3) Multiply the percentage calculated in subsection
29 (1) for each provider requesting an increase, by the amount
30 calculated in subsection (2), and add the resulting amount to
31 that provider's approved budget for the current fiscal year.

1 This amount will be the total budgeted for that provider for
2 the new fiscal year.

3 Section 3. Section 5 of chapter 80-585, Laws of
4 Florida, is amended to read:

5 Section 5. There is hereby also created an Emergency
6 Medical Services Advisory Council, hereinafter called "the
7 Council," to consist of no fewer than 15 ~~fifteen (15)~~ nor more
8 than 24 ~~twenty-four (24)~~ members. Members shall be proposed
9 by the present EMS Advisory Council and ratified by the
10 authority. Members shall constitute a broad spectrum of
11 County representation and shall include members of the
12 emergency medical services system and four(4) mayors (or each
13 mayor's designee, who shall be an elected official from the
14 respective city) to be appointed by the Pinellas County
15 Council of Mayors. The term of appointment shall be for 2 ~~two~~
16 years; however, there is no limit on the number of terms an
17 individual may serve. The Director of ~~Civil~~ Emergency Medical
18 Services for Pinellas County shall be a nonvoting non-voting
19 member of the Council. It shall be the responsibility of this
20 Council to evaluate the County's emergency medical services
21 system from a qualitative point of view, to review the
22 operation of EMS on a countywide basis, to recommend
23 requirements and programs for the contract management firm and
24 monitor performance of same, to review and evaluate studies
25 commissioned by the authority upon the authority's request,
26 and to make such recommendations as may be necessary to the
27 authority on needs, problems and opportunities ~~opportunities~~
28 relating to emergency medical services, including the
29 financing and establishment of a trauma center or centers, and
30 to carry out such other duties as may be required to ensure
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1 ~~insure~~ the delivery of good, countywide EMS at reasonable
2 cost.
3 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.
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