

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. Subsection (9) of section 2 of chapter  
25   80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended by 89-424, Laws of  
26   Florida, is amended to read:

27           (9) To establish uniform standards which shall be  
28   equal to or stricter than those provided in Chapter 401,  
29   Florida Statutes, insofar as it relates to Emergency Medical  
30   Services and the Department of Health ~~and Rehabilitative~~  
31   ~~Services~~ EMS Rules, Chapter 10D-66, as they exist and may

1 hereafter be amended and to provide for the enforcement of  
2 same. The authority has the power to establish levels of  
3 service for all emergency medical services that must be met by  
4 EMS providers; provided that levels of service on or after the  
5 effective date of this act may not be lower than levels of  
6 service as of January 1, 1989, without the consent of the  
7 affected EMS providers; and provided further that an EMS  
8 provider may not be required to increase its level of service  
9 to a level of service established by the authority that  
10 results in the authority reducing the payment of reimbursable  
11 costs to EMS providers because the total reimbursable costs  
12 would exceed the 1.5 millage authorized by this act.

13 Section 3. Section 3 of chapter 80-585, Laws of  
14 Florida, as amended by chapter 89-424, Laws of Florida, is  
15 amended to read:

16 Section 3. The authority shall make provision for EMS  
17 in any designated districts. This may be done on a contract  
18 management basis where new services are to be provided.  
19 However, where EMS are already being provided, full  
20 reimbursement shall be made by the authority to the EMS  
21 provider for the reasonable and customary cost of said  
22 services, such cost to be defined by the authority. The firm  
23 receiving said management contract will operate under the  
24 direction of the EMS medical director, carrying out such  
25 policies and programs as the authority deems necessary. In  
26 determining reimbursable costs pursuant to this section, where  
27 EMS are already being provided, the authority may take into  
28 consideration the standards and levels of service established  
29 pursuant to section 2 and may reimburse the EMS providers for  
30 reasonable actual costs incurred in providing EMS in  
31 accordance with the standards and levels of service

1 established by the authority. However, neither the authority  
2 nor the Board of County Commissioners may be required to pay  
3 or budget for the payment of reimbursable costs to the EMS  
4 providers if that payment would cause the annual budget of the  
5 authority to exceed the 1.5 millage authorized by this article  
6 ~~act~~. If budget requests approved by the authority for the new  
7 fiscal year exceed the total estimated revenue available,  
8 including ad valorem tax revenue generated by 1.5 mills, the  
9 authority shall:

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

13 (2) Calculate the revenue available for funding  
14 increases by subtracting the approved authority budget for the  
15 current fiscal year from the total estimated revenue available  
16 for the new fiscal year.

17 (3) Multiply the percentage calculated in subsection  
18 (1) for each provider requesting an increase, by the amount  
19 calculated in subsection (2), and add the resulting amount to  
20 that provider's approved budget for the current fiscal year.  
21 This amount will be the total budgeted for that provider for  
22 the new fiscal year.

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

25 Section 5. There is hereby also created an Emergency  
26 Medical Services Advisory Council, hereinafter called "the  
27 Council," to consist of no fewer than 15 ~~fifteen (15)~~ nor more  
28 than 24 ~~twenty-four (24)~~ members. Members shall be proposed  
29 by the present EMS Advisory Council and ratified by the  
30 authority. Members shall constitute a broad spectrum of  
31 County representation and shall include members of the

1 emergency medical services system and four~~(4)~~mayors(or each  
2 mayor's designee, who shall be an elected official from the  
3 respective city)to be appointed by the Pinellas County  
4 Council of Mayors. The term of appointment shall be for 2 ~~two~~  
5 years; however, there is no limit on the number of terms an  
6 individual may serve. The Director of ~~Civil~~ Emergency Medical  
7 Services for Pinellas County shall be a nonvoting ~~non-voting~~  
8 member of the Council. It shall be the responsibility of this  
9 Council to evaluate the County's emergency medical services  
10 system from a qualitative point of view, to review the  
11 operation of EMS on a countywide basis, to recommend  
12 requirements and programs for the contract management firm and  
13 monitor performance of same, to review and evaluate studies  
14 commissioned by the authority upon the authority's request,  
15 and to make such recommendations as may be necessary to the  
16 authority on needs, problems and opportunities ~~opportunities~~  
17 relating to emergency medical services, including the  
18 financing and establishment of a trauma center or centers, and  
19 to carry out such other duties as may be required to ensure  
20 ~~insure~~ the delivery of good, countywide EMS at reasonable  
21 cost.

22 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
23 law.  
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