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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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