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**CHAPTER #:** 2001-306, Laws of Florida

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
AS REVISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT & VETERANS AFFAIRS  
FINAL ANALYSIS – LOCAL LEGISLATION**

**BILL #:** HB 851

**RELATING TO:** Hillsborough County Hospital Authority

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Murman & others

**TIED BILL(S):** None

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

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**I. SUMMARY:**

This bill revises the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority's enabling act to make the following provisions effective only if and when the Authority operates a hospital:

- Power to create and facilitate an employee advisory committee;
- Reimbursement of the Authority for indigent care at the state-approved Medicaid rate plus an adjustment;
- Requirement that any office facility be constructed on premises on or contiguous to the hospital grounds.

The Authority does not currently operate a hospital.

The attached "Economic Impact Statement" indicates the bill does not have an economic impact on the district.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

The Hillsborough County Hospital Authority (Authority) is a dependent special district created by special act of the Legislature in 1980. The Authority's original charter, chapter 80-510, Laws of Florida, was amended by chapters 82-299, 82-300, 84-439, 84-441, 84-450, 91-342, 92-235, and 94-411, Laws of Florida. In 1996, the Legislature enacted chapter 96-449, Laws of Florida, which codified all special acts relating to the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority into a single charter and repealed all then existing special acts relating to the Authority.

The governing body of the Authority consists of 15 members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County. One member of the Authority must be from the University of South Florida, and two members of the Authority must be members of the Board of County Commissioners. Members who are practitioners of the healing arts may not constitute more than three members of the Authority at any given time.

According to staff with the Hillsborough County Legislative delegation, at the time Tampa General Hospital was privatized, the Authority retained responsibility for previous bond issues, including insuring that the premises leased by Florida Health Sciences are appropriately maintained. Otherwise, the Authority performs tasks in conformance with the Hillsborough County/Florida Health Sciences contract but essentially performs none of the other duties for which it has been empowered by its enabling legislation (chapter 96-449, L.O.F.). These contractual duties include monitoring the indigent care obligation of the hospital, monitoring the bond obligation assumed by the private hospital, receiving reports on indigent care, and receiving reports on minority business agreements.

The Authority has requested local legislation to amend its enabling act to address certain provisions no longer applicable to its operations. These provisions include:

- o Authority to create and facilitate an employee advisory committee (ss. 5 and 6 of chapter 96-449, L.O.F.);
- o Reimbursement of the Authority for indigent care at the state-approved Medicaid rate plus an adjustment (s. 7 of chapter 96-449, L.O.F.);
- o Requirement that any office facility be constructed on premises on or contiguous to the hospital grounds (s. 9 of chapter 96-449, L.O.F.).

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

This bill revises the Hillsborough County Hospital Authority's enabling act to make the following provisions effective only if and when the Authority operates a hospital:

- o Power to create and facilitate an employee advisory committee;
- o Reimbursement of the Authority for indigent care at the state-approved Medicaid rate plus an adjustment;
- o Requirement that any office facility be constructed on premises on or contiguous to the hospital grounds.

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D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

**Section 1.** Subsection (10) of s. 5 of chapter 96-449, L.O.F., is amended to make the Authority's power to facilitate an employee advisory committee, pursuant to s. 5 of the enabling act, apply only to each hospital operated by the Authority.

**Section 2.** Subsection (2) of s. 6 of chapter 96-449, L.O.F., is amended to limit provisions authorizing and governing the creation of an employee advisory committee to each hospital operated by the Authority.

**Section 3.** Subsection (3) of s. 7 of chapter 96-449, L.O.F., is amended to apply existing provisions governing reimbursement of the Authority for indigent care to situations where the Authority operates a hospital.

**Section 4.** Section 9 of chapter 96-449, L.O.F., is amended to apply the current requirement that any office facility be constructed "on premises on or contiguous to the hospital grounds" to situations where the Authority operates the hospital.

**Section 5.** An effective date of upon becoming a law is provided.

III. NOTICE/REFERENDUM AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A. NOTICE PUBLISHED? Yes [X] No []

IF YES, WHEN?

February 1, 2001

WHERE? The Times, Tampa, Hillsborough County

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B. REFERENDUM(S) REQUIRED? Yes  No

IF YES, WHEN?

C. LOCAL BILL CERTIFICATION FILED? Yes, attached  No

D. ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FILED? Yes, attached  No

IV. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

N/A

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

N/A

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

N/A

V. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

VI. SIGNATURES:

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