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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Hillsborough County  
3           Hospital Authority; amending subsection (10) of  
4           section 5, relating to facilitating an employee  
5           advisory committee, subsection (2) of section  
6           6, relating to an employee advisory committee,  
7           subsection (3) of section 7, relating to  
8           reimbursement for services to indigents, and  
9           section 9, relating to parking and office  
10          facilities of chapter 96-449, Laws of Florida;  
11          providing that those subsections and section  
12          are applicable only when a hospital is operated  
13          by the hospital authority; providing an  
14          effective date.

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

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18           Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 5 of chapter  
19           96-449, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

20           Section 5. POWERS OF AUTHORITY.--The Authority  
21           exercises a proper public purpose and essential governmental  
22           function of the state and the county and shall have all power  
23           and authority necessary to carry out the purposes of this act,  
24           including, without limitation, all powers authorized by law to  
25           hospital facilities, districts, and authorities and powers of  
26           a body corporate, including the powers to:

27           (10) Employ professional and other personnel necessary  
28           to its effective operation, fix their compensation, and adopt  
29           a personnel plan and, for each hospital operated by the  
30           Authority, facilitate an employee advisory committee pursuant  
31           to section 6 of this act.

1           Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 6 of chapter  
2 96-449, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

3           Section 6. PERSONNEL.--

4           (2) For each hospital operated by the Authority,an  
5 employee advisory committee may be elected by employees from  
6 the facilities under the jurisdiction of the Authority in a  
7 manner determined by the Authority to assure representation  
8 from each facility. The employee advisory committee must meet  
9 at least quarterly. Suggestions by the employee advisory  
10 committee relating to personnel matters must be considered by  
11 the Authority. The employee advisory committee will be the  
12 medium in providing a continuous and meaningful exchange  
13 between the Authority and employees of ideas regarding and  
14 practical solutions to personnel matters.

15           Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 7 of chapter  
16 96-449, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

17           Section 7. ADMISSIONS; INDIGENT CARE.--

18           (3) When a resident of Hillsborough County has been  
19 certified as indigent under criteria established by the Board  
20 of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, the Authority,  
21 for each hospital which it operates,shall be reimbursed for  
22 its services by Hillsborough County an amount equal to the  
23 state-approved Medicaid rate plus a standard adjustment. The  
24 Authority and the Board of County Commissioners shall, at  
25 least once annually, negotiate the standard adjustment, which  
26 shall include consideration of the actual cost of indigent  
27 care when any such hospital is operational. Both the  
28 reimbursement rate and the eligibility criteria shall be  
29 reviewed and approved at least once annually by the Board of  
30 County Commissioners, if any such hospital is operational.

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1           Section 4. Section 9 of chapter 96-449, Laws of  
2 Florida, is amended to read:

3           Section 9. PARKING AND OFFICE FACILITIES.--Ad valorem  
4 taxes may not be used or pledged for revenue or for refunding  
5 bonds issued for the construction of parking facilities or  
6 private office facilities. For each hospital operated by the  
7 Authority,any office facility must be constructed on premises  
8 on or contiguous to the hospital grounds.

9           Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
10 law.

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