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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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