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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County; providing legislative intent; amending, codifying, and reenacting chapters 23483 (1945), 24826 (1947), 25500 (1949), 26356 (1949), 61-2675, 65-2101, 70-894, 79-555, 92-228, 93-311, 95-473, and 2000-427, Laws of Florida; repealing all prior special acts relating to the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Pursuant to section 189.429, Florida Statutes, this act constitutes the codification of all special acts relating to the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this law to provide a single, comprehensive special act charter for the board, including all current legislative authority granted to the board by its several legislative enactments and any additional authority granted by this act. It is further the intent of this act to preserve all board authority in addition to any authority contained in chapter 298, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time.

Section 2. Chapters 23483 (1945), 24826 (1947), 25500 (1949), 26356 (1949), 61-2675, 65-2101, 70-894, 79-555, 92-228, 93-311, 95-473, and 2000-427, Laws of Florida, are amended, codified, reenacted, and repealed as herein provided.

Section 3. The charter for the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County is re-created and reenacted to read:

PART I.



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31 There is hereby created for Pinellas County, Florida, the
 32 Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, which shall consist
 33 of eleven (11) members. One (1) member shall be the county
 34 superintendent of public instruction, and the second member
 35 shall be a judge in the juvenile division of the Sixth Circuit
 36 Court, who each shall hold office on the board during the term
 37 of office in the official capacity stated. The third and fourth
 38 members shall be the state attorney and the public defender for
 39 the county, and the fifth member shall be an appointed member of
 40 the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida,
 41 who each shall hold office on the board during the term of
 42 office in the official capacity stated. The other six (6)
 43 members shall be appointed by the Governor of the State of
 44 Florida and confirmed by the Senate. All appointments of
 45 members of the board required to be made by the Governor shall
 46 be for the term of four (4) years each. If any of the members
 47 of the board required to be appointed by the Governor under the
 48 provisions of this section shall resign, die, or be removed from
 49 office, the vacancy thereby created shall, as soon as
 50 practicable, be filled by appointment by the Governor, and such
 51 appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of
 52 the person who resigns, dies, or is removed from office.

53 PART 2.

54 (a) The board hereby created shall have the following
 55 powers and duties:

56 1. To provide and maintain in the county such preventive,
 57 developmental, treatment, and rehabilitative services for
 58 children as the Board determines are needed for the general
 59 welfare of the county.



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60 2. To provide such other services for children as the
61 Board determines are needed for the general welfare of the
62 county.

63 3. To allocate and provide funds for other agencies in the
64 county which are operated for the benefit of juveniles, provided
65 they are not under the exclusive jurisdiction of the public
66 school system.

67 4. To collect information and statistical data which will
68 be helpful to the board in deciding the needs of juveniles in
69 the county and to consult with other agencies dedicated to the
70 welfare of juveniles to the end that the overlapping of services
71 will be prevented.

72 5. To lease or buy such real estate, equipment, and
73 personal property and to construct such buildings as are needed
74 to execute the foregoing powers and duties, provided that no
75 such purchases shall be made or building done except for cash
76 with funds on hand, and to employ and pay on a part or full-time
77 basis personnel needed to execute the foregoing powers and
78 duties.

79 6. Books of account shall be kept by the Board or its
80 staff, and the fiscal affairs of such Board shall be audited
81 annually by certified public accountants selected by the Board
82 for such purposes.

83 (b) The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County shall be
84 exempt from the payment of any fees, taxes, or increment
85 revenues to community redevelopment agencies established
86 pursuant to part III of chapter 163, Florida Statutes, except to
87 the extent that such fees, taxes, or increment revenues have
88 previously been pledged to bonds, notes, or other forms of
89 indebtedness authorized and issued by the governing body of a



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90 municipality or a community redevelopment agency before May 5,
 91 1993. With respect to the fees, taxes, or increment revenues
 92 that, before May 5, 1993, have previously been pledged to bonds,
 93 notes, or other forms of indebtedness, the Juvenile Welfare
 94 Board of Pinellas County shall be exempt from the payment of any
 95 further fees, taxes, or increment revenues to community
 96 redevelopment agencies, upon the payment or other defeasance of
 97 such bonds, notes, or other forms of indebtedness.

98 PART 3.

99 Section 1.

100 (a) After this act becomes a law, the Juvenile Welfare
 101 Board of Pinellas County shall adopt an annual fiscal year which
 102 shall be the same as that of the Board of County Commissioners
 103 of Pinellas County.

104 (b) On or before July 1st of each year hereafter, the
 105 Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County shall prepare and
 106 adopt an annual written budget of its expected income and
 107 expenditures, including a contingency fund. The said written
 108 budget shall be certified and delivered to the Board of County
 109 Commissioners of Pinellas County on or before the first day of
 110 July each year. Included in each certified budget shall be an
 111 estimate of the millage rate necessary to be applied to raise
 112 the funds budgeted for expenditures, which millage rate shall
 113 not exceed a maximum of \$1.00 for each \$1,000.00 of assessed
 114 valuation of all properties within Pinellas County which are
 115 subject to county taxes.

116 (c) Said budget of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas
 117 County so certified and delivered to the Board of County
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119 or modification by the said Board of County Commissioners, or
120 any other authority.

121 Section 2.

122 (a) In order to provide funds for the board, there shall
123 be levied annually on all property in Pinellas County which is
124 subject to county taxes an additional tax of up to one dollar
125 (\$1.00) for each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed
126 valuation of said property for the year 1990 and each subsequent
127 year.

128 (b) The Board of County Commissioners shall direct the
129 levy of said additional tax at the millage rate so certified by
130 the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, up to a maximum
131 of one dollar (\$1.00) for each one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
132 of the assessed valuation of all property in the county which is
133 subject to county tax.

134 (c) The additional tax above provided shall be assessed,
135 levied, and collected in the same manner and at the same time,
136 and its collection shall be enforced in the same manner and at
137 the same time, as is provided by law for the levy, collection,
138 and enforcement of collection of other county taxes. All tax
139 money collected under the terms of this act, as soon after the
140 collection thereof as is reasonably practical, shall be paid
141 directly to the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County by the
142 tax collector of the county or the clerk of the circuit court if
143 he or she collects delinquent taxes. The moneys so received by
144 the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County shall be deposited
145 in a special bank account and shall be withdrawn only by checks
146 signed by the chair of said board, and countersigned by one
147 other member of the juvenile welfare board who shall be so
148 authorized by the board.



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149 (d) No funds of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas
150 County shall be expended except by check or an appropriate
151 electronic transfer method as aforesaid, except expenditures
152 from a petty cash account which shall not at any time exceed one
153 hundred dollars (\$100.00). All expenditures from petty cash
154 shall be recorded on the books and records of the juvenile
155 welfare board.

156 (e) No funds of the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas
157 County excepting expenditures from petty cash shall be expended
158 without prior approval of the board, in addition to the
159 budgeting thereof.

160 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds
161 collected pursuant to the provisions of this act shall be used
162 to support improvements in children's services and that such
163 funds not be used as a substitute for existing resources or for
164 resources that would otherwise be available for children's
165 services.

166 Section 3. Within ten (10) days after the expiration of
167 each quarter annual period, the Juvenile Welfare Board of
168 Pinellas County shall cause to be prepared and filed with the
169 Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County a financial
170 report which shall include the following:

171 (a) The total expenditures of the Board for said quarter
172 annual period.

173 (b) The total receipts of the Board during said quarter
174 annual period.

175 (c) A statement of the funds the Board has on hand or in
176 banks at the end of said quarter annual period.

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178 If in the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners of
179 Pinellas County the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
180 needs additional funds to further its purposes and its work,
181 then said Board of County Commissioners is hereby authorized to
182 furnish such additional funds to the Juvenile Welfare Board of
183 Pinellas County from its contingency or other reserves.

184 Section 4. If any provision of this act or the application
185 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
186 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of
187 the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
188 or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are
189 declared severable.

190 Section 5. In the event of a conflict between the
191 provisions of this act and the provisions of any other act, the
192 provisions of this act shall control to the extent of such
193 conflict.

194 Section 6. This act shall be construed as a remedial act
195 and shall be liberally construed to promote the purpose for
196 which it is intended.

197 Section 7. Chapters 23483 (1945), 24826 (1947), 25500
198 (1949), 26356 (1949), 61-2675, 65-2101, 70-894, 79-555, 92-228,
199 93-311, 95-473, and 2000-427, Laws of Florida, are repealed.

200 Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.