

House Bill No. 851

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. PERSONNEL.—

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

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

Section 7. ADMISSIONS; INDIGENT CARE.—

(3) When a resident of Hillsborough County has been certified as indigent under criteria established by the Board of County Commissioners of

Hillsborough County, the Authority, for each hospital which it operates, shall be reimbursed for its services by Hillsborough County an amount equal to the state-approved Medicaid rate plus a standard adjustment. The Authority and the Board of County Commissioners shall, at least once annually, negotiate the standard adjustment, which shall include consideration of the actual cost of indigent care when any such hospital is operational. Both the reimbursement rate and the eligibility criteria shall be reviewed and approved at least once annually by the Board of County Commissioners, if any such hospital is operational.

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor May 29, 2001.

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