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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to unemployment compensation;
3 amending s. 443.036, F.S.; providing a
4 definition and application of alternative base
5 period; providing requirements and limitations;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 443.036, Florida
11 Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

12 443.036 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, unless
13 the context clearly requires otherwise:

14 (7) BASE PERIOD.--

15 (a) "Base period" means the first four of the last
16 five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the
17 first day of an individual's benefit year.

18 (b) With respect to a benefit year commencing after
19 January 1, 2000, if an individual is not monetarily eligible
20 in his or her base period to qualify for benefits, the
21 division must designate his or her base period to be the
22 alternative base period. As used in this paragraph, the term
23 "alternative base period" means the last four completed
24 calendar quarters immediately preceding the individual's
25 benefit year. Wages used in a base period to establish a
26 monetarily eligible benefit year cannot be applied to
27 establish monetary eligibility in any succeeding benefit year.
28 If information regarding wages for the calendar quarter or
29 quarters immediately preceding the benefit year is not
30 available to the division from the regular quarterly reports
31 of wage information and the division is not able to obtain the

1 information through other means pursuant to state or federal
2 law, the division may base the determination of monetary
3 eligibility for benefits on information that is provided by
4 the individual, on affidavit. Employers shall have 10 days in
5 which to respond to wage requests from the division.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

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9 HOUSE SUMMARY

10 Provides for use of an alternative base period whenever
11 an individual is not monetarily eligible in a base period
12 to receive benefits.
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