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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to dissolution of marriage;  
amending s. 28.101, F.S.; requiring the clerk  
of the court to collect the amount of and pay  
premiums on unemployment insurance on certain  
persons to cover child-support obligations;  
providing guidelines and establishing a fee;  
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (1) of  
section 28.101, Florida Statutes, to read:

28.101 Petitions and records of dissolution of  
marriage; additional charges.--

(1) When a party petitions for a dissolution of  
marriage, in addition to the filing charges in s. 28.241, the  
clerk shall collect and receive:

(e) The reasonable premium for a policy of insurance,  
which shall be forwarded to an authorized insurer or an  
eligible surplus lines insurer selected pursuant to chapter  
287, to cover the cost of a policy that will pay child-support  
amounts owed to the child or the child's legal guardian, after  
a reasonable waiting period, on behalf of the obligated person  
if that person becomes involuntarily unemployed due to  
strikes, lockouts, individual and mass layoffs, or loss of  
income due to business failure or bankruptcy. Payments under  
the policy must equal the monthly child-support payments  
established in the divorce decree and must be payable for the  
term of involuntary unemployment, not to exceed a total of 13  
weeks, whether consecutive or not.

