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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 an application of an alternative  
5           base period; providing requirements and  
6           limitations; 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, 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, 2001, 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, the division shall request such

1 information from the employer. Employers shall have 10 days in  
2 which to respond to wage requests from the division.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

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

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