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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, 2002, 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 may not 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. An employer must respond to a  
2 wage request from the division within 10 days.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

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6 SENATE SUMMARY

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

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