

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 Representative(s) Meadows, Fields, Frankel, Romeo, Wiles,
12 Joyner, Henriquez, Kosmas, Bucher, Gannon, Ryan, Wishner,
13 Cusack, Seiler, Richardson, Ausley, Harper, Weissman and
14 Siplin offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 25, line 25 of the bill

insert:

Section 30. In order to implement specific appropriations 2195-2202 of the 2002-2003 General Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 443.036, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(7) BASE PERIOD.--(a) "Base period" means the first four of the last five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year.

(b) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, with respect to a benefit year commencing on or after October 1, 2002, if an individual is not monetarily eligible in his or her base

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1 period to qualify for benefits, the division must designate
2 his or her base period to be the alternative base period. As
3 used in this paragraph, the term "alternative base period"
4 means the last four completed calendar quarters immediately
5 preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year.
6 Wages used in a base period to establish a monetarily eligible
7 benefit year may not be applied to establish monetary
8 eligibility in any succeeding benefit year. If information
9 regarding wages for the calendar quarter or quarters
10 immediately preceding the benefit year has not been input into
11 the division's mainframe database from the regular quarterly
12 reports of wage information or is otherwise unavailable , the
13 division shall request such information from the employer.
14 An employer must provide the requested wage information within
15 10 days after receiving a request from the division. An
16 employer who fails to provide the requested wage information
17 within the required time is subject to the penalty for
18 delinquent reports in s. 443.141(1)(b). This paragraph
19 expires July 1, 2003.

20 (c) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, for monetary
21 determinations based upon the alternative base period under
22 paragraph (b), if the division is unable to access the wage
23 information through its mainframe database, the division may
24 base the determination of eligibility for benefits on an
25 affidavit submitted by the individual with respect to wages
26 for those calendar quarters. The individual must furnish
27 payroll information, if available, in support of the
28 affidavit. A determination of benefits based upon an
29 alternative base period shall be adjusted when the quarterly
30 report of wage information from the employer is received, if
31 that information causes a change in the determination. This

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1 paragraph expires July 1, 2003.

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5 And the title is amended as follows:

6 On page 2, line 4 after the semicolon

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8 and insert:

9 amending s. 443.036, F.S.; providing a
10 definition and an application of an alternative
11 base period for unemployment compensation;
12 providing requirements and limitations;
13 requiring employers to respond to requests for
14 information and providing a penalty for failure
15 to respond; providing for adjustments in
16 determinations of monetary eligibility;

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