

Bill No. SB 2502

Amendment No. ____ Barcode 464808

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Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following **substitute for amendment** (584552):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 92, between lines 3 and 4,

insert:

Section 31. 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 period to qualify for benefits, the Agency for Workforce

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1 Innovation must designate his or her base period to be the
2 alternative base period. As used in this paragraph, the term
3 "alternative base period" means the last four completed
4 calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an
5 individual's benefit year. Wages used in a base period to
6 establish a monetarily eligible benefit year may not be
7 applied to establish monetary eligibility in any succeeding
8 benefit year. If information regarding wages for the calendar
9 quarter or quarters immediately preceding the benefit year has
10 not been input into the agency's mainframe database from the
11 regular quarterly reports of wage information or is otherwise
12 unavailable, the Agency for Workforce Innovation shall request
13 such information from the employer. An employer must provide
14 the requested wage information within 10 days after receiving
15 a request from the Agency for Workforce Innovation. 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 expires
19 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 Agency for Workforce Innovation is
23 unable to access the wage information through its mainframe
24 database, the agency may base the determination of eligibility
25 for benefits on an affidavit submitted by the individual with
26 respect to wages for those calendar quarters. The individual
27 must furnish payroll information, if available, in support of
28 the 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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3 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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7 And the title is amended as follows:

8 On page 3, line 24, after the semicolon,

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10 insert:

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

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