

Bill No. SB 2502

Amendment No. Barcode 584552

<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 Senator Wasserman Schultz moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 92, between lines 3 and 4,

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16 insert:

17 Section 31. In order to implement specific
18 appropriations 2195-2202 of the 2002-2003 General
19 Appropriations Act, subsection (7) of section 443.036, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 443.036 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, unless
22 the context clearly requires otherwise:

23 (7) BASE PERIOD.--

24 (a) "Base period" means the first four of the last
25 five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the
26 first day of an individual's benefit year.

27 (b) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, with respect
28 to a benefit year commencing on or after October 1, 2002, if
29 an individual is not monetarily eligible in his or her base
30 period to qualify for benefits, the division must designate
31 his or her base period to be the alternative base period. As

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

17 (c) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, for monetary
18 determinations based upon the alternative base period under
19 paragraph (b), if the division is unable to access the wage
20 information through its mainframe database, the division may
21 base the determination of eligibility for benefits on an
22 affidavit submitted by the individual with respect to wages
23 for those calendar quarters. The individual must furnish
24 payroll information, if available, in support of the
25 affidavit. A determination of benefits based upon an
26 alternative base period shall be adjusted when the quarterly
27 report of wage information from the employer is received, if
28 that information causes a change in the determination. This
29 paragraph expires July 1, 2003.

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31 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

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

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5 insert:

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

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