

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Frankel offered the following:

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**Amendment (with title amendment)**

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On page 38, between lines 5 and 6, of the bill

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

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(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.

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(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 division must designate  
his or her base period to be the alternative base period. As  
used in this paragraph, the term "alternative base period"  
means the last four completed calendar quarters immediately  
preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year.

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Wages used in a base period to establish a monetarily eligible  
benefit year may not be applied to establish monetary  
eligibility in any succeeding benefit year. If information

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1 regarding wages for the calendar quarter or quarters  
 2 immediately preceding the benefit year has not been input into  
 3 the division's mainframe database from the regular quarterly  
 4 reports of wage information or is otherwise unavailable , the  
 5 division shall request such information from the employer.  
 6 An employer must provide the requested wage information within  
 7 10 days after receiving a request from the division. An  
 8 employer who fails to provide the requested wage information  
 9 within the required time is subject to the penalty for  
 10 delinquent reports in s. 443.141(1)(b). This paragraph  
 11 expires July 1, 2003.

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

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27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 On page 3, line 2, after the semicolon,

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31 and insert:

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1           amending s. 443.036, F.S.; providing a  
2           definition and an application of an alternative  
3           base period for unemployment compensation;  
4           providing requirements and limitations;  
5           requiring employers to respond to requests for  
6           information and providing a penalty for failure  
7           to respond; providing for adjustments in  
8           determinations of monetary eligibility;  
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