

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

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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Representative(s) Frankel offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 46, line 20 of the bill

insert:

Section 51. 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 division must designate his or her base period to be the alternative base period. As used in this paragraph, the term "alternative base period"

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

3 On page 6, line 13 after the first semicolon

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5 and 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 and providing a penalty for failure
12 to respond; providing for adjustments in
13 determinations of monetary eligibility;

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