Florida Senate - 2006

By Senator Alexander

17-1136-06 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending s. 443.036, F.S.; redefining the term 3 "base period" for purposes of determining 4 5 eligibility for benefits; providing an б alternative base period and for its 7 applicability and calculation; providing an 8 effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 12 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 443.036, Florida 13 Statutes, is amended to read: 443.036 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the 14 term: 15 (7) "Base period" means the first four of the last 16 17 five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year. 18 (a) With respect to a benefit year commencing on or 19 after October 1, 2006, if an individual is not monetarily 20 21 eligible in his or her base period to qualify for benefits, 22 the division must designate the alternative base period to be 23 his or her base period. As used in this subsection, the term "alternative base period" means the last four completed 2.4 calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an 25 individual's benefit year. Wages used in a base period to 26 27 establish a monetarily eligible benefit year may not be 2.8 applied to establish monetary eliqibility in any succeeding benefit year. If information regarding wages for the calendar 29 quarter or quarters immediately preceding the benefit year has 30 not been entered into the division's mainframe database from 31

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1	<u>the reqular quarterly reports of wage information or is</u>
2	otherwise unavailable, the division shall request such
3	information from the employer. An employer must provide the
4	requested wage information within 10 days after receiving a
5	request from the division. An employer that fails to provide
б	the requested wage information within the required time is
7	subject to the penalty for delinquent reports in s.
8	<u>443.141(1)(b).</u>
9	(b) For monetary determinations based upon the
10	alternative base period, if the division is unable to access
11	the wage information through its mainframe database, the
12	division may base the determination of eligibility for
13	benefits on an affidavit submitted by the individual with
14	respect to wages for those calendar quarters. The individual
15	must furnish payroll information, if available, in support of
16	the affidavit. A determination of benefits based upon an
17	alternative base period shall be adjusted when the quarterly
18	report of wage information is received from the employer if
19	that information causes a change in the determination.
20	Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.
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23	SENATE SUMMARY
24	Provides for an alternative base period for purposes of determining eligibility for unemployment compensation
25	benefits when individuals do not meet eligibility criteria under the regular base period.
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