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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to unemployment compensation;
amending s. 443.036, F.S.; redefining the term
"base period" for purposes of determining
eligibility for benefits; providing an
alternative base period and for its
applicability and calculation; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 443.036, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

443.036 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
term:

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

(a) With respect to a benefit year commencing on or
after October 1, 2006, if an individual is not monetarily
eligible in his or her base period to qualify for benefits,
the division must designate the alternative base period to be
his or her base period. As used in this subsection, the term
"alternative base period" means the last four completed
calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an
individual's benefit year. 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 regarding wages for the calendar
quarter or quarters immediately preceding the benefit year has
not been entered into the division's mainframe database from

