

By Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to unemployment compensation benefits;
3 amending s. 443.111, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for
4 Workforce Innovation to develop a system for the payment
5 of benefits by electronic funds transfer; requiring the
6 agency to adopt rules necessary to administer the system;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
12 443.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 443.111 Payment of benefits.--

14 (1) MANNER OF PAYMENT.--Benefits are payable from the fund
15 in accordance with rules adopted by the Agency for Workforce
16 Innovation, subject to the following requirements:

17 (a) Benefits are payable by mail or electronically.
18 Notwithstanding s. 409.942(4), the agency may develop a system
19 for the payment of benefits by electronic funds transfer,
20 including, but not limited to, debit cards, electronic payment
21 cards, or any other means of electronic payment that the agency
22 deems to be commercially viable or cost-effective. The agency
23 shall adopt rules necessary to administer the system.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.