

By the Committee on Governmental Operations; and Senators Fasano and Lynn

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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 that
6 commodities or services for the system be procured by
7 competitive solicitation or from a state term contract;
8 requiring the agency to adopt rules necessary to
9 administer the system; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
14 443.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 443.111 Payment of benefits.--

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

19 (a) Benefits are payable by mail or electronically.
20 Notwithstanding s. 409.942(4), the agency may develop a system
21 for the payment of benefits by electronic funds transfer,
22 including, but not limited to, debit cards, electronic payment
23 cards, or any other means of electronic payment that the agency
24 deems to be commercially viable or cost-effective. Commodities or
25 services related to the development of such a system shall be
26 procured by competitive solicitation, unless they are purchased
27 from a state term contract pursuant to s. 287.056. The agency
28 shall adopt rules necessary to administer the system.

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