

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to unemployment compensation; amending s.
 3 443.111, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for Workforce
 4 Innovation to develop and implement a system for the
 5 payment of benefits by electronic funds transfer;
 6 authorizing the agency to adopt rules; providing an
 7 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 and
 19 implement a system for the payment of benefits by electronic
 20 funds transfer, including, but not limited to, debit cards,
 21 electronic payment cards, or any other means of electronic
 22 payment that the agency deems to be commercially viable and
 23 cost-effective. The agency may adopt rules pursuant to ss.
 24 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement this paragraph.

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