

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to unemployment compensation benefits;
 3 amending ss. 443.091 and 443.1115, F.S.; providing
 4 volunteer service requirements for unemployed individuals
 5 claiming unemployment and extended benefits; providing an
 6 exception; providing an effective date.

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 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (1) of
 11 section 443.091, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 443.091 Benefit eligibility conditions.—

13 (1) An unemployed individual is eligible to receive
 14 benefits for any week only if the Agency for Workforce
 15 Innovation finds that:

16 (i) She or he has volunteered for a minimum of 4 hours for
 17 that week with a nonprofit organization, as defined in s.
 18 443.1312(1), of her or his choosing. The individual must submit
 19 a letter to the Agency for Workforce Innovation on the
 20 letterhead of the nonprofit organization that confirms that she
 21 or he has performed at least 4 hours of volunteer service that
 22 week. An individual with a disability, as described in s.
 23 393.063(9) or s. 413.08(1)(b), is exempt from the requirements
 24 of this paragraph.

25 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
 26 443.1115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 443.1115 Extended benefits.—

28 (3) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTENDED BENEFITS.—

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29 (a) An individual is eligible to receive extended benefits
30 for any week of unemployment in her or his eligibility period
31 only if the Agency for Workforce Innovation finds that, for that
32 week:

33 1. She or he is an exhaustee as defined in subsection (1).

34 2. She or he satisfies the requirements of this chapter
35 for the receipt of regular benefits applicable to individuals
36 claiming extended benefits, including not being subject to
37 disqualification from the receipt of benefits. An individual
38 disqualified from receiving regular benefits may not receive
39 extended benefits after the disqualification period terminates
40 if he or she was disqualified for voluntarily leaving work,
41 being discharged from work for misconduct, or refusing suitable
42 work. However, if the disqualification period for regular
43 benefits terminates because the individual received the required
44 amount of remuneration for services rendered as a common-law
45 employee, she or he may receive extended benefits.

46 3. The individual was paid wages for insured work for the
47 applicable benefit year equal to 1.5 times the high quarter
48 earnings during the base period.

49 4. She or he has volunteered for a minimum of 4 hours with
50 a nonprofit organization, as defined in s. 443.1312(1), of her
51 or his choosing. The individual must submit a letter to the
52 Agency for Workforce Innovation on the letterhead of the
53 nonprofit organization that confirms that she or he has
54 performed at least 4 hours of volunteer service that week. An
55 individual with a disability, as described in s. 393.063(9) or
56 s. 413.08(1)(b), is exempt from the requirements of this

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57 | subparagraph.

58 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.