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The Committee on Budget Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development Appropriations (Gaetz) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 3584 and 3585  
insert:

Section 92. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall convene a work group to study Florida's reemployment assistance contribution calculation as specified in s. 443.131 and other related law.

(1) The work group shall consist of ten members as follows:

(a) The executive director of the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, who shall serve as the



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12 chair of the work group.

13 (b) The executive director of the Department of Revenue, or  
14 his or her designee.

15 (c) Four representatives of the business community, two of  
16 which shall represent small businesses, to be appointed by joint  
17 agreement of the executive directors of the departments.

18 (d) The director of the Division of Workforce Services  
19 within the Department of Economic Opportunity, or his or her  
20 designee.

21 (e) The program director of the General Tax Administration  
22 Program Office within the Department of Revenue, or his or her  
23 designee.

24 (f) A member of the Senate designated by the President of  
25 the Senate.

26 (g) A member of the House of Representatives designated by  
27 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

28 (2) The work group shall convene its first meeting by July  
29 15, 2012. Thereafter, the chair of the work group shall call a  
30 meeting as often as necessary to carry out the provisions of  
31 this section. The Department of Economic Opportunity shall keep  
32 a complete record of the proceedings of each meeting, which  
33 includes the names of the members present at each meeting and  
34 the actions taken. The records shall be public records pursuant  
35 to chapter 119. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the  
36 group members. Members of the group shall not receive  
37 compensation.

38 (3) The purpose of the work group is to study Florida's  
39 reemployment assistance contribution calculation and provide  
40 recommendations to the Legislature for changes to the



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41 calculation designed to ensure the long-term solvency of the  
42 reemployment assistance program while promoting equitable,  
43 minimal tax burdens on Florida employers. The recommendations  
44 shall be limited to changes to the calculation and related law  
45 and shall not include changes to eligibility for benefits or any  
46 other portion of the reemployment assistance program. The work  
47 group may review the laws of other states to develop  
48 recommendations appropriate to Florida.

49 (4) Relevant staff from the Department of Economic  
50 Opportunity and the Department of Revenue knowledgeable in the  
51 subject area may be assigned to assist the work group. The  
52 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
53 Representatives may also assign their respective staff to  
54 provide technical guidance and assistance to the work group in  
55 the development of alternative proposals.

56 (5) Members of the work group are entitled to reimbursement  
57 for travel and per diem expenses, as provided in s. 112.061  
58 while performing their duties under this section. Travel and per  
59 diem expenses of work group members and other staff who are  
60 state employees shall be reimbursed by the respective state  
61 agency employing the member or staff. The Department of Economic  
62 Opportunity and the Department of Revenue shall jointly provide  
63 administrative support for the work group, shall pay equally for  
64 travel and per diem expenses of work group members who are not  
65 state employees, and shall pay equally any other operational  
66 expenses of the work group as deemed reasonable and appropriate  
67 by joint agreement of the executive directors of the  
68 departments.

69 (6) The findings and recommendations of the work group



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70 shall be submitted to the Legislature by December 31, 2012.

71 (7) This section is repealed January 31, 2013.

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74 And the title is amended as follows:

75 Between lines 73 and 74

76 insert:

77 creating a work group to study Florida's reemployment

78 assistance contribution calculation and provide

79 recommendations; providing for membership; providing

80 for reimbursement; providing for repeal;