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The Committee on Appropriations (Brodeur) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

2
3 Delete lines 130 - 172

4 and insert:

5 6. In small counties as defined in s. 120.52(19), a
6 claimant engaging in systematic and sustained efforts to find
7 work must contact at least two ~~three~~ prospective employers for
8 each week of unemployment claimed.

9 7. The work search requirements of this paragraph do not



10 apply to persons required to participate in reemployment
11 services under paragraph (e).

12 Section 2. Subsection (3) and paragraphs (b) and (c) of
13 subsection (5) of section 443.111, Florida Statutes, are
14 amended, and paragraph (b) of subsection (1) is republished, to
15 read:

16 443.111 Payment of benefits.—

17 (1) MANNER OF PAYMENT.—Benefits are payable from the fund
18 in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Economic
19 Opportunity, subject to the following requirements:

20 (b) As required under s. 443.091(1), each claimant must
21 report at least biweekly to receive reemployment assistance
22 benefits and to attest to the fact that she or he is able and
23 available for work, has not refused suitable work, is seeking
24 work and has met the requirements of s. 443.091(1)(d), and, if
25 she or he has worked, to report earnings from that work. Each
26 claimant must continue to report regardless of any appeal or
27 pending appeal relating to her or his eligibility or
28 disqualification for benefits.

29 (3) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.—An individual's "weekly benefit
30 amount" is an amount equal to one twenty-sixth of the total
31 wages for insured work paid during that quarter of the base
32 period in which the total wages paid were the highest, but not
33 less than \$100 ~~\$32~~ or more than \$375 ~~\$275~~. The weekly benefit
34 amount, if not a multiple of \$1, is rounded downward to the
35 nearest full dollar amount. The maximum weekly benefit amount in
36 effect at the time the claimant establishes an individual weekly
37 benefit amount is the maximum benefit amount applicable
38 throughout the claimant's benefit year.



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39 (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.—

40 (b) Each otherwise eligible individual is entitled during
41 any benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to 25
42 percent of the total wages in his or her base period, not to
43 exceed \$8,625 ~~\$6,325~~ or the product arrived at by multiplying
44 the weekly benefit amount with the number of weeks determined in
45 paragraph (c), whichever is less. However, the total amount of
46 benefits, if not a multiple of \$1, is rounded downward to the
47 nearest full dollar amount. These benefits are payable at a
48 weekly rate no greater than the weekly benefit amount.

49 (c) For claims submitted during a calendar year, the
50 duration of benefits is limited to:

51 1. Fourteen ~~Twelve~~ weeks if this state's average
52 unemployment rate is at or below 5 percent.

53 2. An additional week in addition to the 12 weeks for each
54 0.5 percent increment in this state's average unemployment rate
55 above 5 percent.

56 3. Up to a maximum of 25 ~~23~~ weeks if this state's average
57 unemployment rate equals or exceeds 10.5 percent.

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59 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

60 And the title is amended as follows:

61 Delete line 8

62 and insert:

63 to receive during a benefit year; increasing the
64 duration of benefits based upon the state's
65 unemployment rate; reenacting ss.