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The Committee on Appropriations (Farmer) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 17 - 172

and insert:

Section 1. Present subsections (3) through (46) of section 443.036, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (4) through (47), respectively, a new subsection (3) is added to that section, and present subsection (24) of that section is amended, to read:

443.036 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:



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11           (3) "Alternative base period" means the four most recently  
12 completed calendar quarters before an individual's benefit year,  
13 if such quarters qualify the individual for benefits and were  
14 not previously used to establish a prior valid benefit year.

15           ~~(25)-(24)~~ "High quarter" means the quarter in an  
16 individual's base period, or in the individual's alternative  
17 base period if an alternative base period is used for  
18 determining benefits eligibility, in which the individual has  
19 the greatest amount of wages paid, regardless of the number of  
20 employers paying wages in that quarter.

21           Section 2. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (g) of subsection (1)  
22 of section 443.091, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23           443.091 Benefit eligibility conditions.—

24           (1) An unemployed individual is eligible to receive  
25 benefits for any week only if the Department of Economic  
26 Opportunity finds that:

27           (c) To make continued claims for benefits, she or he is  
28 reporting to the department in accordance with this paragraph  
29 and department rules. Department rules may not conflict with s.  
30 443.111(1)(b), which requires that each claimant continue to  
31 report regardless of any pending appeal relating to her or his  
32 eligibility or disqualification for benefits.

33           1. For each week of unemployment claimed, each report must,  
34 at a minimum, include the name and, ~~address, and telephone~~  
35 ~~number~~ of each prospective employer contacted, or the date the  
36 claimant reported to a one-stop career center, pursuant to  
37 paragraph (d). For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term  
38 "address" means a website address, a physical address, or an e-  
39 mail address.



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40           2. The department shall offer an online assessment aimed at  
41 identifying an individual's skills, abilities, and career  
42 aptitude. The skills assessment must be voluntary, and the  
43 department shall allow a claimant to choose whether to take the  
44 skills assessment. The online assessment shall be made available  
45 to any person seeking services from a local workforce  
46 development board or a one-stop career center.

47           a. If the claimant chooses to take the online assessment,  
48 the outcome of the assessment shall be made available to the  
49 claimant, local workforce development board, and one-stop career  
50 center. The department, local workforce development board, or  
51 one-stop career center shall use the assessment to develop a  
52 plan for referring individuals to training and employment  
53 opportunities. Aggregate data on assessment outcomes may be made  
54 available to CareerSource Florida, Inc., and Enterprise Florida,  
55 Inc., for use in the development of policies related to  
56 education and training programs that will ensure that businesses  
57 in this state have access to a skilled and competent workforce.

58           b. Individuals shall be informed of and offered services  
59 through the one-stop delivery system, including career  
60 counseling, the provision of skill match and job market  
61 information, and skills upgrade and other training  
62 opportunities, and shall be encouraged to participate in such  
63 services at no cost to the individuals. The department shall  
64 coordinate with CareerSource Florida, Inc., the local workforce  
65 development boards, and the one-stop career centers to identify,  
66 develop, and use best practices for improving the skills of  
67 individuals who choose to participate in skills upgrade and  
68 other training opportunities. The department may contract with



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69 an entity to create the online assessment in accordance with the  
70 competitive bidding requirements in s. 287.057. The online  
71 assessment must work seamlessly with the Reemployment Assistance  
72 Claims and Benefits Information System.

73 (d) She or he is able to work and is available for work. In  
74 order to assess eligibility for a claimed week of unemployment,  
75 the department shall develop criteria to determine a claimant's  
76 ability to work and availability for work. A claimant must be  
77 actively seeking work in order to be considered available for  
78 work. This means engaging in systematic and sustained efforts to  
79 find work, including contacting at least three ~~five~~ prospective  
80 employers for each week of unemployment claimed. For the  
81 purposes of meeting the requirements of this paragraph, a  
82 claimant may contact a prospective employer by submitting a  
83 resume to an employer through an online job search service. A  
84 claimant who submits a resume to at least three employers  
85 through an online job search service satisfies the work search  
86 requirements of this paragraph. The department may require the  
87 claimant to provide proof of such efforts to the one-stop career  
88 center as part of reemployment services. A claimant's proof of  
89 work search efforts may not include the same prospective  
90 employer at the same location in 3 consecutive weeks, unless the  
91 employer has indicated since the time of the initial contact  
92 that the employer is hiring. The department shall conduct random  
93 reviews of work search information provided by claimants. As an  
94 alternative to contacting at least three ~~five~~ prospective  
95 employers for any week of unemployment claimed, a claimant may,  
96 for that same week, report in person to a one-stop career center  
97 to meet with a representative of the center and access



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98 reemployment services of the center. The center shall keep a  
99 record of the services or information provided to the claimant  
100 and shall provide the records to the department upon request by  
101 the department. However:

102 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph or  
103 paragraphs (b) and (e), an otherwise eligible individual may not  
104 be denied benefits for any week because she or he is in training  
105 with the approval of the department, or by reason of s.  
106 443.101(2) relating to failure to apply for, or refusal to  
107 accept, suitable work. Training may be approved by the  
108 department in accordance with criteria prescribed by rule. A  
109 claimant's eligibility during approved training is contingent  
110 upon satisfying eligibility conditions prescribed by rule.

111 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an  
112 otherwise eligible individual who is in training approved under  
113 s. 236(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, may not be  
114 determined ineligible or disqualified for benefits due to  
115 enrollment in such training or because of leaving work that is  
116 not suitable employment to enter such training. As used in this  
117 subparagraph, the term "suitable employment" means work of a  
118 substantially equal or higher skill level than the worker's past  
119 adversely affected employment, as defined for purposes of the  
120 Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the wages for which are at least  
121 80 percent of the worker's average weekly wage as determined for  
122 purposes of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

123 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, an  
124 otherwise eligible individual may not be denied benefits for any  
125 week because she or he is before any state or federal court  
126 pursuant to a lawfully issued summons to appear for jury duty.



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127           4. Union members who customarily obtain employment through  
128 a union hiring hall may satisfy the work search requirements of  
129 this paragraph by reporting daily to their union hall.

130           5. The work search requirements of this paragraph do not  
131 apply to persons who are unemployed as a result of a temporary  
132 layoff or who are claiming benefits under an approved short-time  
133 compensation plan as provided in s. 443.1116.

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

138           7. The work search requirements of this paragraph do not  
139 apply to persons required to participate in reemployment  
140 services under paragraph (e).

141           (g) She or he has been paid wages for insured work equal to  
142 1.5 times her or his high quarter wages during her or his base  
143 period, except that an unemployed individual is not eligible to  
144 receive benefits if the base period wages are less than \$3,400.  
145 If an unemployed individual is ineligible for benefits based on  
146 base period wages, his or her wages shall be calculated using  
147 the alternative base period, and his or her claim shall be  
148 established using such wages.

149           Section 3. Subsections (2) and (3) and paragraph (b) of  
150 subsection (5) of section 443.111, Florida Statutes, are  
151 amended, and paragraph (b) of subsection (1) is republished, to  
152 read:

153           443.111 Payment of benefits.—

154           (1) MANNER OF PAYMENT.—Benefits are payable from the fund  
155 in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Economic



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156 Opportunity, subject to the following requirements:

157 (b) As required under s. 443.091(1), each claimant must  
158 report at least biweekly to receive reemployment assistance  
159 benefits and to attest to the fact that she or he is able and  
160 available for work, has not refused suitable work, is seeking  
161 work and has met the requirements of s. 443.091(1)(d), and, if  
162 she or he has worked, to report earnings from that work. Each  
163 claimant must continue to report regardless of any appeal or  
164 pending appeal relating to her or his eligibility or  
165 disqualification for benefits.

166 (2) QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS.—

167 (a) To establish a benefit year for reemployment assistance  
168 benefits, an individual must have:

169 1. ~~(a)~~ Wage credits in two or more calendar quarters of the  
170 individual's base period or alternative base period.

171 2. ~~(b)~~ Minimum total base period wage credits equal to the  
172 high quarter wages multiplied by 1.5, but at least \$3,400 in the  
173 base period, or in the alternative base period if the  
174 alternative base period is used for benefits eligibility.

175 (b)1. If a worker is ineligible for benefits based on base  
176 period wages, wages for that worker must be calculated using an  
177 alternative base period and the claim shall be established using  
178 such wages.

179 2. If the wage information for an individual's most  
180 recently completed calendar quarter is unavailable to the  
181 department from regular quarterly reports of systematically  
182 accessible wage information, the department must promptly  
183 contact the individual's employer to obtain the wage  
184 information.



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185           3. Wages that fall within the alternative base period of  
186 claims established under this paragraph are not available for  
187 reuse in qualifying for any subsequent benefit years.

188           4. The department shall adopt rules to administer this  
189 paragraph.

190           (3) WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT.—

191           (a) An individual's "weekly benefit amount" is an amount  
192 equal to one twenty-sixth of the total wages for insured work  
193 paid during that quarter of the base period in which the total  
194 wages paid were the highest, but not less than \$100 ~~\$32~~ or more  
195 than \$375 ~~\$275~~. The weekly benefit amount, if not a multiple of  
196 \$1, is rounded downward to the nearest full dollar amount. The  
197 maximum weekly benefit amount in effect at the time the claimant  
198 establishes an individual weekly benefit amount is the maximum  
199 benefit amount applicable throughout the claimant's benefit  
200 year.

201           (b) The weekly benefit amount shall be based on either the  
202 claimant's base period wages or alternative base period wages,  
203 whichever period results in the greater benefit amount.

204           (5) DURATION OF BENEFITS.—

205           (b) Each otherwise eligible individual is entitled during  
206 any benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to 25  
207 percent of the total wages in his or her base period, not to  
208 exceed \$8,625 ~~\$6,325~~ or the product arrived at by multiplying  
209 the weekly benefit amount with the number of weeks determined in  
210 paragraph (c), whichever is less. However, the total amount of  
211 benefits, if not a multiple of \$1, is rounded downward to the  
212 nearest full dollar amount. These benefits are payable at a  
213 weekly rate no greater than the weekly benefit amount.





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214 Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
215 215.425, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

216 215.425 Extra compensation claims prohibited; bonuses;  
217 severance pay.—

218 (4) (a) On or after July 1, 2011, a unit of government that  
219 enters into a contract or employment agreement, or renewal or  
220 renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement,  
221 that contains a provision for severance pay with an officer,  
222 agent, employee, or contractor must include the following  
223 provisions in the contract:

224 1. A requirement that severance pay provided may not exceed  
225 an amount greater than 20 weeks of compensation.

226 2. A prohibition of provision of severance pay when the  
227 officer, agent, employee, or contractor has been fired for  
228 misconduct, as defined in s. 443.036(30) ~~s. 443.036(29)~~, by the  
229 unit of government.

230 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
231 (f) of subsection (13) of section 443.1216, Florida Statutes,  
232 are amended to read:

233 443.1216 Employment.—Employment, as defined in s. 443.036,  
234 is subject to this chapter under the following conditions:

235 (1) (a) The employment subject to this chapter includes a  
236 service performed, including a service performed in interstate  
237 commerce, by:

238 1. An officer of a corporation.

239 2. An individual who, under the usual common-law rules  
240 applicable in determining the employer-employee relationship, is  
241 an employee. However, whenever a client, as defined in s.  
242 443.036(19) ~~s. 443.036(18)~~, which would otherwise be designated



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243 as an employing unit has contracted with an employee leasing  
244 company to supply it with workers, those workers are considered  
245 employees of the employee leasing company. An employee leasing  
246 company may lease corporate officers of the client to the client  
247 and other workers to the client, except as prohibited by  
248 regulations of the Internal Revenue Service. Employees of an  
249 employee leasing company must be reported under the employee  
250 leasing company's tax identification number and contribution  
251 rate for work performed for the employee leasing company.

252 a. However, except for the internal employees of an  
253 employee leasing company, each employee leasing company may make  
254 a separate one-time election to report and pay contributions  
255 under the tax identification number and contribution rate for  
256 each client of the employee leasing company. Under the client  
257 method, an employee leasing company choosing this option must  
258 assign leased employees to the client company that is leasing  
259 the employees. The client method is solely a method to report  
260 and pay unemployment contributions, and, whichever method is  
261 chosen, such election may not impact any other aspect of state  
262 law. An employee leasing company that elects the client method  
263 must pay contributions at the rates assigned to each client  
264 company.

265 (I) The election applies to all of the employee leasing  
266 company's current and future clients.

267 (II) The employee leasing company must notify the  
268 Department of Revenue of its election by July 1, 2012, and such  
269 election applies to reports and contributions for the first  
270 quarter of the following calendar year. The notification must  
271 include:



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272 (A) A list of each client company and the unemployment  
273 account number or, if one has not yet been issued, the federal  
274 employment identification number, as established by the employee  
275 leasing company upon the election to file by client method;

276 (B) A list of each client company's current and previous  
277 employees and their respective social security numbers for the  
278 prior 3 state fiscal years or, if the client company has not  
279 been a client for the prior 3 state fiscal years, such portion  
280 of the prior 3 state fiscal years that the client company has  
281 been a client must be supplied;

282 (C) The wage data and benefit charges associated with each  
283 client company for the prior 3 state fiscal years or, if the  
284 client company has not been a client for the prior 3 state  
285 fiscal years, such portion of the prior 3 state fiscal years  
286 that the client company has been a client must be supplied. If  
287 the client company's employment record is chargeable with  
288 benefits for less than 8 calendar quarters while being a client  
289 of the employee leasing company, the client company must pay  
290 contributions at the initial rate of 2.7 percent; and

291 (D) The wage data and benefit charges for the prior 3 state  
292 fiscal years that cannot be associated with a client company  
293 must be reported and charged to the employee leasing company.

294 (III) Subsequent to choosing the client method, the  
295 employee leasing company may not change its reporting method.

296 (IV) The employee leasing company shall file a Florida  
297 Department of Revenue Employer's Quarterly Report for each  
298 client company by approved electronic means, and pay all  
299 contributions by approved electronic means.

300 (V) For the purposes of calculating experience rates when



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301 the client method is chosen, each client's own benefit charges  
302 and wage data experience while with the employee leasing company  
303 determines each client's tax rate where the client has been a  
304 client of the employee leasing company for at least 8 calendar  
305 quarters before the election. The client company shall continue  
306 to report the nonleased employees under its tax rate.

307 (VI) The election is binding on each client of the employee  
308 leasing company for as long as a written agreement is in effect  
309 between the client and the employee leasing company pursuant to  
310 s. 468.525(3)(a). If the relationship between the employee  
311 leasing company and the client terminates, the client retains  
312 the wage and benefit history experienced under the employee  
313 leasing company.

314 (VII) Notwithstanding which election method the employee  
315 leasing company chooses, the applicable client company is an  
316 employing unit for purposes of s. 443.071. The employee leasing  
317 company or any of its officers or agents are liable for any  
318 violation of s. 443.071 engaged in by such persons or entities.  
319 The applicable client company or any of its officers or agents  
320 are liable for any violation of s. 443.071 engaged in by such  
321 persons or entities. The employee leasing company or its  
322 applicable client company is not liable for any violation of s.  
323 443.071 engaged in by the other party or by the other party's  
324 officers or agents.

325 (VIII) If an employee leasing company fails to select the  
326 client method of reporting not later than July 1, 2012, the  
327 entity is required to report under the employee leasing  
328 company's tax identification number and contribution rate.

329 (IX) After an employee leasing company is licensed pursuant



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330 to part XI of chapter 468, each newly licensed entity has 30  
331 days after the date the license is granted to notify the tax  
332 collection service provider in writing of their selection of the  
333 client method. A newly licensed employee leasing company that  
334 fails to timely select reporting pursuant to the client method  
335 of reporting must report under the employee leasing company's  
336 tax identification number and contribution rate.

337 (X) Irrespective of the election, each transfer of trade or  
338 business, including workforce, or a portion thereof, between  
339 employee leasing companies is subject to the provisions of s.  
340 443.131(3)(g) if, at the time of the transfer, there is common  
341 ownership, management, or control between the entities.

342 b. In addition to any other report required to be filed by  
343 law, an employee leasing company shall submit a report to the  
344 Labor Market Statistics Center within the Department of Economic  
345 Opportunity which includes each client establishment and each  
346 establishment of the leasing company, or as otherwise directed  
347 by the department. The report must include the following  
348 information for each establishment:

349 (I) The trade or establishment name;

350 (II) The former reemployment assistance account number, if  
351 available;

352 (III) The former federal employer's identification number,  
353 if available;

354 (IV) The industry code recognized and published by the  
355 United States Office of Management and Budget, if available;

356 (V) A description of the client's primary business activity  
357 in order to verify or assign an industry code;

358 (VI) The address of the physical location;



359 (VII) The number of full-time and part-time employees who  
360 worked during, or received pay that was subject to reemployment  
361 assistance taxes for, the pay period including the 12th of the  
362 month for each month of the quarter;

363 (VIII) The total wages subject to reemployment assistance  
364 taxes paid during the calendar quarter;

365 (IX) An internal identification code to uniquely identify  
366 each establishment of each client;

367 (X) The month and year that the client entered into the  
368 contract for services; and

369 (XI) The month and year that the client terminated the  
370 contract for services.

371 c. The report must be submitted electronically or in a  
372 manner otherwise prescribed by the Department of Economic  
373 Opportunity in the format specified by the Bureau of Labor  
374 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor for its  
375 Multiple Worksite Report for Professional Employer  
376 Organizations. The report must be provided quarterly to the  
377 Labor Market Statistics Center within the department, or as  
378 otherwise directed by the department, and must be filed by the  
379 last day of the month immediately after the end of the calendar  
380 quarter. The information required in sub-sub-paragraphs b.(X)  
381 and (XI) need be provided only in the quarter in which the  
382 contract to which it relates was entered into or terminated. The  
383 sum of the employment data and the sum of the wage data in this  
384 report must match the employment and wages reported in the  
385 reemployment assistance quarterly tax and wage report.

386 d. The department shall adopt rules as necessary to  
387 administer this subparagraph, and may administer, collect,



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388 enforce, and waive the penalty imposed by s. 443.141(1)(b) for  
389 the report required by this subparagraph.

390 e. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term  
391 "establishment" means any location where business is conducted  
392 or where services or industrial operations are performed.

393 3. An individual other than an individual who is an  
394 employee under subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2., who performs  
395 services for remuneration for any person:

396 a. As an agent-driver or commission-driver engaged in  
397 distributing meat products, vegetable products, fruit products,  
398 bakery products, beverages other than milk, or laundry or  
399 drycleaning services for his or her principal.

400 b. As a traveling or city salesperson engaged on a full-  
401 time basis in the solicitation on behalf of, and the  
402 transmission to, his or her principal of orders from  
403 wholesalers, retailers, contractors, or operators of hotels,  
404 restaurants, or other similar establishments for merchandise for  
405 resale or supplies for use in the business operations. This sub-  
406 subparagraph does not apply to an agent-driver or a commission-  
407 driver and does not apply to sideline sales activities performed  
408 on behalf of a person other than the salesperson's principal.

409 4. The services described in subparagraph 3. are employment  
410 subject to this chapter only if:

411 a. The contract of service contemplates that substantially  
412 all of the services are to be performed personally by the  
413 individual;

414 b. The individual does not have a substantial investment in  
415 facilities used in connection with the services, other than  
416 facilities used for transportation; and



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417 c. The services are not in the nature of a single  
418 transaction that is not part of a continuing relationship with  
419 the person for whom the services are performed.

420 (13) The following are exempt from coverage under this  
421 chapter:

422 (f) Service performed in the employ of a public employer as  
423 defined in s. 443.036, except as provided in subsection (2), and  
424 service performed in the employ of an instrumentality of a  
425 public employer as described in s. 443.036(36)(b) or (c) ~~or~~  
426 ~~443.036(35)(b) or (c)~~, to the extent that the instrumentality is  
427 immune under the United States Constitution from the tax imposed  
428 by s. 3301 of the Internal Revenue Code for that service.

429 Section 6. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section  
430 443.131, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

431 443.131 Contributions.—

432 (3) VARIATION OF CONTRIBUTION RATES BASED ON BENEFIT  
433 EXPERIENCE.—

434 (f) *Transfer of employment records.*—

435 1. For the purposes of this subsection, two or more  
436 employers who are parties to a transfer of business or the  
437 subject of a merger, consolidation, or other form of  
438 reorganization, effecting a change in legal identity or form,  
439 are deemed a single employer and are considered to be one  
440 employer with a continuous employment record if the tax  
441 collection service provider finds that the successor employer  
442 continues to carry on the employing enterprises of all of the  
443 predecessor employers and that the successor employer has paid  
444 all contributions required of and due from all of the  
445 predecessor employers and has assumed liability for all





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446 contributions that may become due from all of the predecessor  
447 employers. In addition, an employer may not be considered a  
448 successor under this subparagraph if the employer purchases a  
449 company with a lower rate into which employees with job  
450 functions unrelated to the business endeavors of the predecessor  
451 are transferred for the purpose of acquiring the low rate and  
452 avoiding payment of contributions. As used in this paragraph,  
453 notwithstanding s. 443.036(15) ~~s. 443.036(14)~~, the term  
454 "contributions" means all indebtedness to the tax collection  
455 service provider, including, but not limited to, interest,  
456 penalty, collection fee, and service fee. A successor employer  
457 must accept the transfer of all of the predecessor employers'  
458 employment records within 30 days after the date of the official  
459 notification of liability by succession. If a predecessor  
460 employer has unpaid contributions or outstanding quarterly  
461 reports, the successor employer must pay the total amount with  
462 certified funds within 30 days after the date of the notice  
463 listing the total amount due. After the total indebtedness is  
464 paid, the tax collection service provider shall transfer the  
465 employment records of all of the predecessor employers to the  
466 successor employer's employment record. The tax collection  
467 service provider shall determine the contribution rate of the  
468 combined successor and predecessor employers upon the transfer  
469 of the employment records, as prescribed by rule, in order to  
470 calculate any change in the contribution rate resulting from the  
471 transfer of the employment records.

472 2. Regardless of whether a predecessor employer's  
473 employment record is transferred to a successor employer under  
474 this paragraph, the tax collection service provider shall treat



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475 the predecessor employer, if he or she subsequently employs  
476 individuals, as an employer without a previous employment record  
477 or, if his or her coverage is terminated under s. 443.121, as a  
478 new employing unit.

479         3. The state agency providing reemployment assistance tax  
480 collection services may adopt rules governing the partial  
481 transfer of experience rating when an employer transfers an  
482 identifiable and segregable portion of his or her payrolls and  
483 business to a successor employing unit. As a condition of each  
484 partial transfer, these rules must require the following to be  
485 filed with the tax collection service provider: an application  
486 by the successor employing unit, an agreement by the predecessor  
487 employer, and the evidence required by the tax collection  
488 service provider to show the benefit experience and payrolls  
489 attributable to the transferred portion through the date of the  
490 transfer. These rules must provide that the successor employing  
491 unit, if not an employer subject to this chapter, becomes an  
492 employer as of the date of the transfer and that the transferred  
493 portion of the predecessor employer's employment record is  
494 removed from the employment record of the predecessor employer.  
495 For each calendar year after the date of the transfer of the  
496 employment record in the records of the tax collection service  
497 provider, the service provider shall compute the contribution  
498 rate payable by the successor employer or employing unit based  
499 on his or her employment record, combined with the transferred  
500 portion of the predecessor employer's employment record. These  
501 rules may also prescribe what contribution rates are payable by  
502 the predecessor and successor employers for the period between  
503 the date of the transfer of the transferred portion of the



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504 predecessor employer's employment record in the records of the  
505 tax collection service provider and the first day of the next  
506 calendar year.

507 4. This paragraph does not apply to an employee leasing  
508 company and client contractual agreement as defined in s.  
509 443.036, except as provided in s. 443.1216(1)(a)2.a. The tax  
510 collection service provider shall, if the contractual agreement  
511 is terminated or the employee leasing company fails to submit  
512 reports or pay contributions as required by the service  
513 provider, treat the client as a new employer without previous  
514 employment record unless the client is otherwise eligible for a  
515 variation from the standard rate.

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

518 And the title is amended as follows:

519 Delete lines 3 - 8

520 and insert:

521 s. 443.036, F.S.; defining and revising terms for  
522 purposes of the Reemployment Assistance Program Law;  
523 amending s. 443.091, F.S.; revising requirements for  
524 reemployment assistance benefits eligibility; amending  
525 s. 443.111, F.S.; requiring an alternative base period  
526 to be used under certain circumstances when  
527 calculating wages in determining qualification for  
528 reemployment assistance benefits; requiring the  
529 Department of Economic Opportunity to contact an  
530 individual's employer if certain wage information is  
531 unavailable through specified means; specifying that  
532 wages that fall within an alternative base period are



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533 not available for reuse in subsequent benefit years;  
534 requiring the department to adopt rules; increasing  
535 the weekly benefit amounts an individual may receive;  
536 providing that weekly benefit amounts be determined  
537 based on the greater of the base period or alternative  
538 base period; increasing the cap on the total benefit  
539 amount an individual is entitled to receive during a  
540 benefit year; amending ss. 215.425, 443.1216, and  
541 443.131, F.S.; conforming cross-references; reenacting  
542 ss.