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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Nixon offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 74 and 75, insert:

Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 443.111, Florida Statutes, to read:

443.111 Payment of benefits; job search support services.-

(6) JOB SEARCH SUPPORT SERVICES.-

(a) The Department of Commerce shall ensure that individuals receiving reemployment assistance benefits are promptly connected with job search support services available through the CareerSource Florida, Inc., or its regional workforce boards. These services must include, at a minimum:

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14 1. Access to Employ Florida or any successor job-matching
15 system.

16 2. Information on how to obtain resume assistance,
17 interview preparation, and skills assessments.

18 3. Guidance on meeting reemployment eligibility
19 requirements.

20 4. Weekly notifications of job fairs, training
21 opportunities, and hiring events available in the claimant's
22 region.

23 5. Contact information for and referral to a local career
24 center for one-on-one support.

25 (b) The services described in paragraph (a) shall be made
26 available to claimants within the first week of their benefit
27 period. The department may not disqualify a claimant for failing
28 to meet the job search requirements under this chapter unless
29 the department has documented that the claimant has been
30 informed of and offered access to the services described in
31 paragraph (a).

32 (c) The department shall coordinate with CareerSource
33 Florida, Inc., and its regional workforce boards to implement
34 this subsection and may adopt rules to ensure consistency across
35 regions.

36 (d) This subsection may not be construed to reduce
37 existing reemployment assistance benefits or impose additional
38 eligibility requirements.

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Remove lines 2-7 and insert:
An act relating to reemployment assistance benefits;
providing a short title; amending s. 443.101, F.S.;
revising circumstances under which the Department of
Commerce disqualifies claimants from reemployment
assistance benefits; amending s. 443.111, F.S.;
requiring the department to ensure that individuals
receiving reemployment assistance benefits are
connected with job search support services; providing
requirements for such services; prohibiting the
department from disqualifying claimants for failure to
meet job search requirements under certain
circumstances; requiring the department to coordinate
with certain entities for specified purposes;
providing rulemaking authority; providing
construction; creating s. 443.1112, F.S.; requiring
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