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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Latvala moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (639620) (with title amendment)

Delete lines 1859 - 1894

and insert:

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6 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, 7 the Department of Economic Opportunity Agency for Workforce 8 Innovation shall, using the competitive procurement process, 9 contract with one but not more than three or more consumer 10 reporting agencies to provide users with secured electronic 11 access to employer-provided information relating to the quarterly wages report submitted in accordance with the state's 12 reemployment assistance unemployment compensation law. The 13

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14 access is limited to the wage reports for the appropriate amount 15 of time for the purpose the information is requested.

(2) Users must obtain consent in writing or by electronic signature from an applicant for credit, employment, or other permitted purposes. Any Written or electronic signature consent from an applicant must be signed and must include the following:

20 (a) Specific notice that information concerning the 21 applicant's wage and employment history will be released to a 22 consumer reporting agency;

(b) Notice that the release is made for the sole purpose of reviewing the specific application for credit, employment, or other permitted purpose made by the applicant;

(c) Notice that the files of the <u>Department of Economic</u> <u>Opportunity</u> Agency for Workforce Innovation or its tax collection service provider containing information concerning wage and employment history which is submitted by the applicant or his or her employers may be accessed; and

31 (d) A listing of the parties authorized to receive the 32 released information.

(3) Consumer reporting agencies and users accessing 33 34 information under this section must safeguard the confidentiality of the information. A consumer reporting agency 35 or user may use the information only to support a single 36 37 transaction for the user to satisfy its standard underwriting or 38 eligibility requirements or for those requirements imposed upon 39 the user, and to satisfy the user's obligations under applicable 40 state or federal laws and, rules, or regulations.

(4) If a consumer reporting agency or user violates this
 section, the <u>Department of Economic Opportunity</u> Agency for

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Workforce Innovation shall, upon 30 days' written notice to the consumer reporting agency, terminate the contract established between the <u>department</u> Agency for Workforce Innovation and the consumer reporting agency or require the consumer reporting agency to terminate the contract established between the consumer reporting agency and the user under this section.

49 (5) The Department of Economic Opportunity Agency for 50 Workforce Innovation shall establish minimum audit, security, 51 net worth, and liability insurance standards, technical 52 requirements, and any other terms and conditions considered necessary in the discretion of the state agency to safeguard the 53 54 confidentiality of the information released under this section 55 and to otherwise serve the public interest. The department 56 Agency for Workforce Innovation shall also include, in coordination with any necessary state agencies, shall also 57 include a data security audit conducted by a data security firm, 58 59 the results of which shall be audited by a certified public accountancy firm necessary audit procedures to ensure that these 60 61 rules are followed. The department shall take all reasonable 62 precautions to ensure that department data:

(a) Resides behind the department's existing
 hardware/software data security systems;

65 (b) Not be transferred in batch or bulk to a consumer 66 reporting agency, and may only be accessed upon an individual 67 <u>query-by-query basis;</u>

68 (c) Not be captured or stored in a consumer reporting
69 agency or third-party databases, except as necessary to fulfill
70 a consumer initiated transaction;

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(d) Not be comingled with a consumer report by a consumer

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72	reporting agency as defined in 15 U.S.C. 1681a(p); and		
73	(e) Not be used for purposes of marketing, including, but		
74	not limited to, prescreened firm offers of credit.		
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76	=========== TITLE AMENDMENT================		
77	And the title is amended as follows:		
78	Delete lines 4233 - 4234		
79	and insert:		
80	443.1315, 443.1316, 443.1317, 443.141, and 443.163,		
81	F.S.; revising references to conform to changes made		
82	by the act; amending s. 443.17161, F.S.; requiring the		
83	Department of Economic Opportunity to take precautions		
84	relating to the security of department data; amending		
85	ss. 443.181, 443.191, 443.221, 445.009,		

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