## Florida Senate - 2007

By Senator Hill

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                        A bill to be entitled
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           An act relating to unemployment compensation;
           amending s. 443.036, F.S.; redefining the term
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           "base period" for purposes of determining
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           eligibility for benefits; providing an
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           alternative base period and for its
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           applicability and calculation; providing a
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           source of funds; providing an effective date.
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   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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           Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 443.036, Florida
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    Statutes, is amended to read:
           443.036 Definitions.--As used in this chapter, the
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    term:
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           (7) "Base period" means the first four of the last
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    five completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the
    first day of an individual's benefit year.
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          (a) With respect to a benefit year commencing on or
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    after October 1, 2007, if an individual is not monetarily
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    eligible in his or her base period to qualify for benefits,
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    the division must designate the alternative base period to be
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    his or her base period. As used in this subsection, the term
   "alternative base period" means the last four completed
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    calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an
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    individual's benefit year. Wages used in a base period to
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    establish a monetarily eligible benefit year may not be
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   applied to establish monetary eliqibility in any succeeding
   benefit year. If information regarding wages for the calendar
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   quarter or quarters immediately preceding the benefit year has
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   not been entered into the division's mainframe database from
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1	the regular guarterly reports of wage information or is
2	otherwise unavailable, the division shall request such
3	information from the employer. An employer must provide the
4	requested wage information within 10 days after receiving a
5	request from the division. An employer that fails to provide
б	the requested wage information within the required time is
7	subject to the penalty for delinguent reports in s.
8	<u>443.141(1)(b).</u>
9	(b) For monetary determinations based upon the
10	alternative base period, if the division is unable to access
11	the wage information through its mainframe database, the
12	division may base the determination of eligibility for
13	benefits on an affidavit submitted by the individual with
14	respect to wages for those calendar quarters. The individual
15	must furnish payroll information, if available, in support of
16	the affidavit. A determination of benefits based upon an
17	alternative base period shall be adjusted when the quarterly
18	report of wage information is received from the employer if
19	that information causes a change in the determination.
20	(c) Benefits based upon the alternative base period
21	shall be paid from Reed Act funds rather than from funds in
22	the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.
23	Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007.
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26	SENATE SUMMARY
27	Provides for an alternative base period for purposes of determining eligibility for unemployment compensation
28	benefits when individuals do not meet eligibility criteria under the regular base period.
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