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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Community Affairs (Stargel) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 935 and 936  
insert:

Section 35. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of section 443.091, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

443.091 Benefit eligibility conditions.—

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

(b) She or he has completed the department's online work registration ~~registered with the department for work~~ and



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13 subsequently reports to the one-stop career center as directed  
14 by the regional workforce board for reemployment services. This  
15 requirement does not apply to persons who are:

- 16 1. Non-Florida residents;
- 17 2. On a temporary layoff;
- 18 3. Union members who customarily obtain employment through  
19 a union hiring hall; or
- 20 4. Claiming benefits under an approved short-time  
21 compensation plan as provided in s. 443.1116.

22 5. Unable to complete the online work registration due to  
23 illiteracy, physical or mental impairment, a legal prohibition  
24 from using a computer, or a language impediment. If a person is  
25 exempted from the online work registration under this  
26 subparagraph, then the filing of his or her claim constitutes  
27 registration for work.

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

36 1. For each week of unemployment claimed, each report must,  
37 at a minimum, include the name, address, and telephone number of  
38 each prospective employer contacted, or the date the claimant  
39 reported to a one-stop career center, pursuant to paragraph (d).

40 2. The administrator or operator of the initial skills  
41 review shall notify the department when the individual completes



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42 the initial skills review and report the results of the review  
43 to the regional workforce board or the one-stop career center as  
44 directed by the workforce board. The department shall prescribe  
45 a numeric score on the initial skills review that demonstrates a  
46 minimal proficiency in workforce skills. The department,  
47 workforce board, or one-stop career center shall use the initial  
48 skills review to develop a plan for referring individuals to  
49 training and employment opportunities. The failure of the  
50 individual to comply with this requirement will result in the  
51 individual being determined ineligible for benefits for the week  
52 in which the noncompliance occurred and for any subsequent week  
53 of unemployment until the requirement is satisfied. However,  
54 this requirement does not apply if the individual ~~is able to~~  
55 ~~affirmatively attest to being unable to complete such review due~~  
56 ~~to illiteracy or a language impediment or~~ is exempt from the  
57 work registration requirement as set forth in paragraph (b).

58 3. Any individual who falls below the minimal proficiency  
59 score prescribed by the department in subparagraph 2. on the  
60 initial skills review shall be offered training opportunities  
61 and encouraged to participate in such training at no cost to the  
62 individual in order to improve his or her workforce skills to  
63 the minimal proficiency level.

64 4. The department shall coordinate with Workforce Florida,  
65 Inc., the workforce boards, and the one-stop career centers to  
66 identify, develop, and utilize best practices for improving the  
67 skills of individuals who choose to participate in training  
68 opportunities and who have a minimal proficiency score below the  
69 score prescribed in subparagraph 2.

70 5. The department, in coordination with Workforce Florida,



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71 Inc., the workforce boards, and the one-stop career centers,  
72 shall evaluate the use, effectiveness, and costs associated with  
73 the training prescribed in subparagraph 3. and report its  
74 findings and recommendations for training and the use of best  
75 practices to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
76 Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2013.

77 Section 36. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section  
78 443.151, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

79 443.151 Procedure concerning claims.—

80 (2) FILING OF CLAIM INVESTIGATIONS; NOTIFICATION OF  
81 CLAIMANTS AND EMPLOYERS.—

82 (b) *Process.*—When the Reemployment Assistance Claims and  
83 Benefits Information System described in s. 443.1113 is fully  
84 operational, the process for filing claims must incorporate the  
85 process for registering for work with the workforce information  
86 systems established pursuant to s. 445.011. Unless exempted  
87 under s. 443.091(1)(b)5., a A claim for benefits may not be  
88 processed until the work registration requirement is satisfied.  
89 The department may adopt rules as necessary to administer the  
90 work registration requirement set forth in this paragraph.

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94 And the title is amended as follows:

95 Delete line 73

96 and insert:

97 annual reports by Space Florida; amending s.443.091,  
98 F.S.; providing for online work registration and  
99 providing exceptions; amending s. 443.151, F.S.;



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conforming provisions to changes made by this act;  
amending s. 443.1113,