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<u>Senate</u>   <u>House</u>

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1   Representative LaMarca offered the following:

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3   **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4   Remove lines 671-800 and insert:

5   <u>timeframes for completion</u> ~~The project to implement the~~

6   ~~Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits Information System~~

7   ~~is comprised of the following phases and corresponding~~

8   ~~implementation timeframes:~~

9   ~~(a) No later than the end of fiscal year 2009-2010~~

10 ~~completion of the business re-engineering analysis and~~

11 ~~documentation of both the detailed system requirements and the~~

12 ~~overall system architecture~~.

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13   (b)   The Reemployment Assistance Claims and Benefits
14 Internet portal that replaces the Florida Unemployment Internet
15 Direct and the Florida Continued Claims Internet Directory
16 systems, the Call Center Interactive Voice Response System, the
17 Benefit Overpayment Screening System, the Internet and Intranet
18 Appeals System, and the Claims and Benefits Mainframe System
19 shall be deployed to full operational status no later than the
20 end of fiscal year 2013-2014.
21   (5)   The Department of Economic Opportunity shall implement
22 the following project governance structure until such time as
23 the project is completed, suspended, or terminated:
24   (a)   The project sponsor for the Reemployment Assistance
25 Claims and Benefits Information System project is the
26 department.
27   (b)   The project shall be governed by an executive steering
28 committee composed of the following voting members or their
29 designees:
30   1.   The executive director of the department.
31   2.   The executive director of the Department of Revenue.
32   3.   The director of the Division of Workforce Services
33 within the department.
34   4.   The program director of the General Tax Administration
35 Program Office within the Department of Revenue.
36   5.   The chief information officer of the department.

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37   (c) The executive steering committee has the overall

38 responsibility for ensuring that the project meets its primary

39 objectives and is specifically responsible for:

40   1. Providing management direction and support to the

41 project management team.

42   2. Assessing the project's alignment with the strategic

43 goals of the department for administering the reemployment

44 assistance program.

45   3. Reviewing and approving or disapproving any changes to

46 the project's scope, schedule, and costs.

47   4. Reviewing, approving or disapproving, and determining

48 whether to proceed with any major project deliverables.

49   5. Recommending suspension or termination of the project

50 to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of

51 the House of Representatives if it determines that the primary

52 objectives cannot be achieved.

53   (d) The project management team shall work under the

54 direction of the executive steering committee and shall be

55 minimally comprised of senior managers and stakeholders from the

56 department and the Department of Revenue. The project management

57 team is responsible for:

58   1. Providing daily planning, management, and oversight of

59 the project.

60   2. Submitting an operational work plan and providing

61 quarterly updates to that plan to the executive steering

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62 committee. The plan must specify project milestones,

63 deliverables, and expenditures.

64   3. Submitting written monthly project status reports to

65 the executive steering committee which include:

66   a. Planned versus actual project costs;

67   b. An assessment of the status of major milestones and

68 deliverables;

69   c. Identification of any issues requiring resolution, the

70 proposed resolution for these issues, and information regarding

71 the status of the resolution;

72   d. Identification of risks that must be managed; and

73   e. Identification of and recommendations regarding

74 necessary changes in the project's scope, schedule, or costs.

75 All recommendations must be reviewed by project stakeholders

76 before submission to the executive steering committee in order

77 to ensure that the recommendations meet required acceptance

78 criteria.

79   Section 12. Section 443.1118, Florida Statutes, is created

80 to read:

81   443.1118 Employer-assisted claims.—

82   (1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

83   (a) "Department" means the Department of Economic

84 Opportunity.

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85   (b) "Employer-assisted claim" means an initial claim filed
86 by an employer on behalf of its employees who are a part of a
87 mass separation from the employer.
88   (c) "Mass separation" means a full, partial, permanent, or
89 temporary separation, including a temporary layoff, of full-time
90 employees from their employer if the separation occurs at or
91 around the same time, the employees are separated for the same
92 reason, and the separation is due to circumstances for which the
93 employees are not at fault. At a minimum, a mass separation
94 involves 1,000 or more employees.
95   (2) EMPLOYER-ASSISTED CLAIM PROCESS.—
96   (a) Initiation.—An employer that commences a mass
97 separation may initiate an employer-assisted claim by submitting
98 employee information to the department within 10 days after the
99 date of the mass separation pursuant to rules adopted by the
100 department.
101   (b) Form of submission.—Due to the sensitive nature of
102 employee information, an employer shall submit employee
103 information through secure means approved by department rule.
104   (c) Notice and affidavit.—For each employer-assisted
105 claim, the employer shall give notice and instructions to the
106 employees for which claims are filed and direct the employees to
107 complete further steps as required by the department. The
108 employer shall provide an attestation to the department in a
109 form and format required by the department.

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110   (3) EFFECTIVE DATE OF CLAIM.—The effective date of an
111 employer-assisted claim is the Sunday immediately preceding the
112 date on which the employer-assisted claim is received by the
113 department.
114   (4) PAYMENTS.—Weeks of benefits paid to a claimant
115 pursuant to an employer-assisted claim count toward the maximum
116 benefits for which the claimant is eligible.
117   (5) CLAIMANT FILING REQUIREMENTS.—A claimant covered by an
118 employer-assisted claim must file continued biweekly claims
119 pursuant to department rule.
120   (6) CONSTRUCTION.—This section does not limit, alter, or
121 amend a claimant's rights under this chapter relating to a
122 hearing if a claimant is denied a claim.
123   (7) RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules
124 establishing additional procedures for filing an employer-
125 assisted claim and may adopt additional rules to administer this
126 section.
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129   **T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**
130   Remove lines 47-53 and insert:
131 Information System; requiring the department to perform an
132 annual review of the system; requiring the department to seek
133 input on recommended enhancements from certain state entities;
134 requiring the department to submit an annual report to the

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135 | Governor and the Legislature beginning on a specified date;
136 | providing requirements for such report; deleting obsolete
137 | language; creating s. 443.1118, F.S.; defining terms;
138 | authorizing employers to initiate employer-

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