

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1026

An act relating to unemployment compensation benefits; amending s. 443.111, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for Workforce Innovation to develop a system for the payment of benefits by electronic funds transfer; requiring that commodities or services for the system be procured by competitive solicitation or from a state term contract; requiring the agency to adopt rules necessary to administer the system; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 443.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

443.111 Payment of benefits.—

(1) MANNER OF PAYMENT.—Benefits are payable from the fund in accordance with rules adopted by the Agency for Workforce Innovation, subject to the following requirements:

(a) Benefits are payable by mail or electronically. Notwithstanding s. 409.942(4), the agency may develop a system for the payment of benefits by electronic funds transfer, including, but not limited to, debit cards, electronic payment cards, or any other means of electronic payment that the agency deems to be commercially viable or cost-effective. Commodities or services related to the development of such a system shall be procured by competitive solicitation, unless they are purchased from a state term contract pursuant to s. 287.056. The agency shall adopt rules necessary to administer the system.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor June 17, 2008.

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