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CAREERSOURCE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT (RESEA) PROGRAM DESIGN AND FRAMEWORK

The primary responsibilities of the State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) are described in <u>s. 445.004(6)(a)-(i)</u>, <u>Florida Statutes</u>, <u>20 CFR 679.100</u> and <u>679.130</u>. The SWDB is responsible for assisting the state in aligning and enhancing the capacity and performance of the workforce development system and achieving the state's strategic and operational vision and goals as outlined in the State's approved Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Plan. The SWDB must approve policies for implementation by the CareerSource Florida network including those that impact local workforce development boards (LWDB).

The Unemployment Insurance (UI) program is a key part of the public workforce system, providing benefits to individuals who lose their jobs through no fault of their own and meet eligibility requirements. In 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) initiated the UI Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) pilot program to help UI claimants with reemployment and to prevent improper benefit payments. This program was replaced by the RESEA program in January 2016.

The RESEA program was permanently authorized by the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2018, which amended the Social Security Act (SSA). The program has four main purposes:

- Improve employment outcomes for Reemployment Assistance (RA) claimants and reduce the duration of RA receipt.
- Strengthen program integrity by preventing improper RA payments.
- Align with WIOA to enhance service delivery for job seekers.
- Serve as an entry point for RA claimants into other workforce system partner programs.

CareerSource Florida and the Florida Department of Commerce (FloridaCommerce) worked with executive directors and staff of LWDBs to develop a new policy –

CareerSource Florida Administrative Policy – Reemployment Services and Eligibility Program Design and Framework to provide RESEA program requirements and guidance to Local Workforce Development Boards (LWDBs) and program service providers. This policy replaces Administrative Policy 68 – Reemployment and Eligibility Assessment (REA) Program which was sunset in February 2025 by approval of the CareerSource Florida Board of Directors.

FOR CONSIDERATION

 Approve New CareerSource Florida Administrative Policy – Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Program Design and Framework.

Attachments:

 RESEA Program Design and Framework Administrative Policy Development Tracker