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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to verification of employment 3 eligibility by a private employer; amending s. 4 448.095, F.S.; removing the option for a private 5 employer to verify a person's employment eligibility 6 using a specified federal form; removing the 7 requirement that a private employer maintain such 8 records for a specified length of time; removing the 9 authorization for certain persons and entities to 10 request, and the requirement that a private employer provide, documentation relating to a person's 11 12 employment eligibility; providing an effective date. 13 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 15 16 Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (e) of subsection (3) of 17 section 448.095, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 448.095 Employment eligibility.-18 19 (3) PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.-20 A private employer shall verify a person's employment (b) 21 eligibility by: 22 1. using the E-Verify system; or 23 2. Requiring the person to provide the same documentation that is required by the United States Citizenship and 24 25 Immigration Services on its Employment Eligibility Verification

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form (Form I-9). The private employer must retain a copy of the documentation provided under this subparagraph for at least 3 years after the person's initial date of employment.

- (e) For the purpose of enforcement of this section, the following persons or entities may request, and a private employer must provide, copies of any documentation relied upon by the private employer for the verification of a person's employment eligibility, including, but not limited to, any documentation required under paragraph (b):
 - 1. The Department of Law Enforcement.
 - 2. The Attorney General.
 - 3. The state attorney.

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4. The statewide prosecutor.

A person or entity that makes a request under this paragraph must rely upon the federal government to verify a person's employment eligibility and may not independently make a final determination as to whether a person is an unauthorized alien.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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