

By Senator Berman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Holocaust Remembrance Day; creating
3 s. 683.196, F.S.; requiring the Governor to proclaim a
4 specified day annually as "Holocaust Remembrance Day";
5 authorizing "Holocaust Remembrance Day" to be observed
6 in this state's public schools and be observed by
7 public exercise as the Governor may designate;
8 providing construction; authorizing specified
9 instruction; providing an effective date.

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11 WHEREAS, more than 79 years have passed since the Holocaust
12 ended, yet anti-Semitism and unfounded hatred of Jews continues
13 to spread throughout the world, and

14 WHEREAS, millions of Jews, Soviet civilians, and persons
15 with disabilities were murdered during the Holocaust, as well as
16 people targeted for their ethnicity, religion, political
17 beliefs, and sexual orientation, and

18 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, the United Nations General
19 Assembly designated January 27, the anniversary of the
20 liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, as International Holocaust
21 Remembrance Day, and

22 WHEREAS, the tragedy of the Holocaust and the ongoing
23 effects of anti-Semitism continue to impact Jewish communities
24 in this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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28 Section 1. Section 683.196, Florida Statutes, is created to
29 read:

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30 683.196 Holocaust Remembrance Day.-

31 (1) In honor of the millions of victims killed in the
32 Holocaust, the Governor shall annually proclaim January 27 to be
33 "Holocaust Remembrance Day," which may be observed in the public
34 schools of this state and by public exercise at the State
35 Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor may designate.

36 (2) If January 27 falls on a day that is not a school day,
37 "Holocaust Remembrance Day" may be observed in the public
38 schools on the following school day or as otherwise designated
39 by the district school board having jurisdiction.

40 (3) Instruction on the harmful impacts of the Holocaust and
41 anti-Semitism and the positive contributions of the Jewish
42 community to humanity may be provided as part of the public
43 school instruction on "Holocaust Remembrance Day."

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.