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BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [HB 125](#)

TITLE: Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance

SPONSOR(S): Benarroch, Weinberger

Committee References

[Government Operations](#)

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SUMMARY

Effect of the Bill:

The bill designates October 14 of each year as “Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance.”

Fiscal or Economic Impact:

None.

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EFFECT OF THE BILL:

The bill designates October 14 of each year as “Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance” and authorizes the Governor to annually issue a proclamation recognizing the **special observance**. (Section [1](#))

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2026. (Section [2](#))

RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

Charlie Kirk

Charlie Kirk was born on October 14, 1993, in Arlington Heights, Illinois.¹ He rose to prominence as a conservative political activist when, at the age of 18 in 2012, he founded the nonprofit organization Turning Point USA.² Kirk built a national profile as a political commentator and campus speaker known for advocating for free speech and encouraging civic engagement among young people.³ In his personal life, he married Erika Frantzve in May 2021 and the couple had two children together, a daughter born in August 2022 and a son born in May 2024.⁴ Kirk’s life came to a tragic end on September 10, 2025, when he was fatally shot while speaking at an event at Utah Valley University.

Special Observances

Current law designates numerous special observances in Florida.⁵ These designations, established by the Legislature, honor individuals, groups, events, or causes of public significance. Special observances generally serve

¹ IMBD, [Charlie Kirk Biography](#) (last visited October 21, 2025).

² See Turning Point USA, [About](#) (last visited October 21, 2025).

³ See The Federalist Society, [In Memoriam: Charlie Kirk \(1993-2025\)](#) (last visited October 21, 2025).

⁴ Fox 13 Tampa Bay, [Charlie Kirk’s Family: Who are His Wife, Kids, Parents?](#) (last visited October 21, 2025).

⁵ See ch. 683, F.S.

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a ceremonial or education purpose, promoting public recognition or awareness rather than the closure of public offices or suspension of activities, as may occur with legal⁶ or paid holidays.⁷

For example, November 7 of each year is designated as “Victims of Communism Day,” a special observance during which high school students must receive 45 minutes of instruction on the suffering endured by victims of communist regimes.⁸ By contrast, “Gasparilla Day” is a legal holiday observed only in Hillsborough County during which all city, county, and state offices, and banking institutions may remain closed at their discretion.⁹

There are currently 37 special observances¹⁰ and 26 legal holidays¹¹ established in law. The state recognizes nine paid holidays that are observed by all state branches and agencies.¹²

BILL HISTORY

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⁶ Legal holidays are days formally recognized by statute as public holidays in the state. Most legal holidays are declaratory in nature and do not, by themselves, require or authorize the closure of public offices or financial institutions; however, certain legal holidays expressly authorize such closures. *See ss. 683.01, 683.08, 683.09, 683.12, and 683.19, F.S.* In the context contracts to be performed in this state, the term “legal holidays” is defined to include those holidays designated in statute. *S. 683.02, F.S.*

⁷ Paid holidays refer to those legal holidays for which state employees receive a day off with pay. *See s. 110.117(1), F.S.*; r. 60L-34.0032, F.A.C.

⁸ *S. 683.334, F.S.*

⁹ *S. 683.08, F.S.*

¹⁰ *See ch. 683, F.S.*

¹¹ *See ss. 683.01, 683.08, 683.09, 683.12, and 683.19, F.S.*

¹² *S. 110.117(1), F.S.*