

**The Florida Senate**  
**BILL ANALYSIS AND FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

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BILL: SB 194

INTRODUCER: Senators Martin and Gaetz

SUBJECT: Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance

DATE: February 23, 2026

REVISED: \_\_\_\_\_

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>McVaney</u>	<u>McVaney</u>	<u>GO</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
2.	<u>Jahnke</u>	<u>Bouck</u>	<u>HE</u>	<b>Favorable</b>
3.	<u>McVaney</u>	<u>Siples</u>	<u>FP</u>	<b>Pre-meeting</b>

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## I. Summary:

SB 194 designates October 14 of each year as “Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance.” The bill authorizes the Governor to issue a proclamation designating the day as “Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance.”

The bill is not expected to impact state or local government revenues or expenditures.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

## II. Present Situation:

### Charlie Kirk

Charlie Kirk was a co-founder and executive director of Turning Point USA, Inc., a national student movement dedicated to identifying, organizing, and empowering young people to promote the principles of free markets and limited government.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Kirk was born “Charles James Kirk” on October 14, 1993, in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He died September 10, 2025, after being shot while speaking to a crowd at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah.

### Turning Point USA, Inc.

Turning Point USA, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation domiciled in Indiana.<sup>2</sup> “It is organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes in accordance with section 501(c)(3), to empower informed civic and cultural engagement grounded in American

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<sup>1</sup> Turning Point USA, *Meet the Founder*, <https://tpusa.com/meetthefounder/> (last visited Jan. 14, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> Indiana Secretary of State: Business Services Division, *Public Business Search*, INBIZ, <https://bsd.sos.in.gov/PublicBusinessSearch> (search “turning point usa, inc.” as business name) (last visited Jan. 13, 2026) (on file with the Senate Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability).

exceptionalism and a positive spirit of action. Turning Point USA guides citizens through the development of knowledge, skills, values, and motivation, so they can meaningfully engage in their communities to restore traditional American values like patriotism, respect for life, liberty, family, and fiscal responsibility.”<sup>3</sup>

Turning Point USA’s student program educates young people about the importance of limited government, free markets, and freedom. There are club chapters on more than 3,500 high school and college campuses, where students are encouraged to be leaders in their communities and educate others about American ideals in a fun and compelling way.<sup>4</sup>

### **Legal Holidays and Special Observances in Florida**

The legislature has designated numerous days as “legal holidays.” Whenever reference is made to “legal holidays” in contracts performed in Florida, the term is understood to include those holidays designated in s. 683.01, F.S., and any other days designated by law.<sup>5</sup> Section 683.01, F.S., designates the following days as legal or public holidays:

- Sunday;
- New Year’s Day, January 1;
- Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., January 15;
- Birthday of Robert E. Lee, January 19;
- Lincoln’s Birthday, February 12;
- Susan B. Anthony’s Birthday, February 15;
- Washington’s Birthday, the third Monday in February;
- Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day, the fourth Thursday in March;
- Good Friday;
- Pascua Florida Day, April 2;
- Confederate Memorial Day, April 26;
- Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- Birthday of Jefferson Davis, June 3;
- Flag Day, June 14;
- Independence Day, July 4;
- Labor Day, the first Monday in September;
- Columbus Day and Farmers’ Day, the second Monday in October;
- Veterans’ Day, November 11;
- General Election Day.
- Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;
- Christmas Day, December 25; and
- Shrove Tuesday, sometimes known as “Mardi Gras” in counties where carnival associations are organized for celebrating the day.

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<sup>3</sup> Turning Point U.S.A., Inc., Form 990: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (2021), available at [https://apps.irs.gov/pub/epostcard/cor/800835023\\_202206\\_990\\_2023060921420938.pdf](https://apps.irs.gov/pub/epostcard/cor/800835023_202206_990_2023060921420938.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Turning Point USA Students, *Start a Chapter*, <https://www.tpusastudents.com/startachapter> (last visited Jan. 14, 2026).

<sup>5</sup> Section 683.02, F.S.

Whenever a legal holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday next following will be deemed the public holiday.<sup>6</sup>

In addition, the legislature has designated the following days for special observances statewide:

- Three Kings Day, January 6;<sup>7</sup>
- Arbor Day, the third Friday in January;<sup>8</sup>
- Florida Alzheimer's Disease Day, February 6;<sup>9</sup>
- Ronald Reagan Day, February 6;<sup>10</sup>
- Save the Florida Panther Day, the third Saturday of March;<sup>11</sup>
- Medal of Honor Day, March 25;<sup>12</sup>
- Parents' and Children's Day, the first Sunday in April;<sup>13</sup>
- Everglades Day, April 7;<sup>14</sup>
- Pan-American Day, April 14;<sup>15</sup>
- Patriots' Day, April 19;<sup>16</sup>
- Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, May 1;<sup>17</sup>
- Law Day, May 1;<sup>18</sup>
- Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day, the second Monday in May;<sup>19</sup>
- Law Enforcement Memorial Day, May 15;<sup>20</sup>
- Teacher's Day, the third Friday in May;<sup>21</sup>
- Revive Awareness Day, June 6;<sup>22</sup>
- Juneteenth Day, June 19;<sup>23</sup>
- Purple Heart Day, August 7;<sup>24</sup>
- Fentanyl Awareness and Education Day, August 21;<sup>25</sup>
- Grandparents' Day and Family Caregivers' Day, the first Sunday after Labor Day;<sup>26</sup>
- Florida Missing Children's Day, the second Monday in September;<sup>27</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Section 683.01(2), F.S.

<sup>7</sup> Section 683.33, F.S.

<sup>8</sup> Section 683.04, F.S.

<sup>9</sup> Section 683.24, F.S.

<sup>10</sup> Section 683.26, F.S.

<sup>11</sup> Section 683.18, F.S.

<sup>12</sup> Section 683.147, F.S.

<sup>13</sup> Section 683.17, F.S.

<sup>14</sup> Section 683.185, F.S.

<sup>15</sup> Section 683.05, F.S.

<sup>16</sup> Section 683.14, F.S.

<sup>17</sup> Section 683.11, F.S.

<sup>18</sup> Section 683.22, F.S.

<sup>19</sup> Section 683.331, F.S.

<sup>20</sup> Section 683.115, F.S.

<sup>21</sup> Section 683.15, F.S.

<sup>22</sup> Section 683.3342, F.S.

<sup>23</sup> Section 683.21, F.S.

<sup>24</sup> Section 683.146, F.S.

<sup>25</sup> Section 683.3343, F.S.

<sup>26</sup> Section 683.10, F.S.

<sup>27</sup> Section 683.23, F.S.

- I am an American Day, the third Sunday in October;<sup>28</sup>
- Retired Teachers' Day, the Sunday commencing the third week of November;<sup>29</sup>
- Bill of Rights Day, December 15;<sup>30</sup> and
- Homeless Persons' Memorial Day, December 21.<sup>31</sup>

The legislature has directed the governor to annually proclaim various days of special observances. These days of special observances include:

- Pan-American Day, April 14;<sup>32</sup>
- Holocaust Remembrance Day, January 27;<sup>33</sup>
- Victims of Communism Day, November 7;<sup>34</sup> and
- 9/11 Heroes' Day, September 11.<sup>35</sup>

Days of special observance, whether designated by the legislature or proclaimed by the Governor, have no impact on contracts in Florida or the operations of state government.<sup>36</sup>

### III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill designates October 14, the anniversary of Mr. Kirk's birth, as "Charlie Kirk Remembrance Day." It also authorizes the Governor to issue a proclamation designating the same.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

### IV. Constitutional Issues:

#### A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

Not applicable. The bill does not require municipalities or counties to spend funds, reduce the authority of municipalities or counties to raise revenue, or reduce the percentage of state tax shared with municipalities and counties.

#### B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

#### C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

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<sup>28</sup> Section 683.145, F.S.

<sup>29</sup> Section 683.16, F.S.

<sup>30</sup> Section 683.25, F.S.

<sup>31</sup> Section 683.325, F.S.

<sup>32</sup> Section 683.05, F.S.

<sup>33</sup> Section 683.196, F.S.

<sup>34</sup> Section 683.34, F.S.

<sup>35</sup> Section 683.335, F.S.

<sup>36</sup> Section 110.117, F.S., delineates the paid holidays observed by state branches and agencies.

**D. State Tax or Fee Increases:**

None.

**E. Other Constitutional Issues:**

None identified.

**V. Fiscal Impact Statement:****A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

**B. Private Sector Impact:**

None.

**C. Government Sector Impact:**

The bill is not expected to impact state or local government revenues or expenditures.

**VI. Technical Deficiencies:**

None.

**VII. Related Issues:**

None.

**VIII. Statutes Affected:**

This bill creates section 683.338 of the Florida Statutes.

**IX. Additional Information:****A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

**B. Amendments:**

None.