

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.)

Prepared By: The Professional Staff of the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development

BILL: SB 628

INTRODUCER: Senator Gaetz

SUBJECT: Transportation Facility Designations/Warrior Sacrifice Way

DATE: January 28, 2026

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Johnson	Vickers	TR	Favorable
2.	Griffin	Nortelus	ATD	Favorable
3.			FP	

I. Summary:

SB 628 designates that portion of S.R. 295/Navy Boulevard between Duncan Road and S.R. 292/Gulf Beach Highway in Escambia County as “Warrior Sacrifice Way” and directs the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to erect suitable markers.

The FDOT estimates its cost to install the designation markers is \$2,400. See Section V., Fiscal Impact Statement below for details.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

II. Present Situation:

Section 334.071, F.S., provides that legislative designations of transportation facilities are for honorary or memorial purposes or to distinguish a particular facility. Such designations may not be construed as requiring any action by local governments or private parties regarding the changing of any street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone number system listings, unless the legislation specifically provides for such changes.¹

When the Legislature establishes road or bridge designations, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is required to place markers only at the termini specified for each highway segment or bridge designated and to erect any other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility.²

The FDOT may not erect the markers for honorary road or bridge designations unless the affected city or county commission enacts a resolution supporting the designation. When the

¹ Section 334.071(1), F.S.

² Section 334.071(2), F.S.

designated road or bridge segment is located in more than one city or county, each affected local government must pass resolutions supporting the designations before the installation of the markers.³

Warrior Sacrifice Way

Warrior Sacrifice Way honors the victims of the terrorist attack at Naval Air Station Pensacola on December 6, 2019, where three men were killed and eight others were injured.⁴

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

Section 1 creates an undesignated section of Florida law designating that portion of S.R. 295/Navy Boulevard between Duncan Road and S.R. 292/Gulf Beach Highway in Escambia County as “Warrior Sacrifice Way” and directs the FDOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 provides that the bill takes effect July 1, 2026.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

D. State Tax or Fee Increases:

None.

E. Other Constitutional Issues:

None identified.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

³ Section 334.071(3), F.S.

⁴ NBC News, *Suspected shooter at Naval Air Station Pensacola was Saudi Air Force member*, December 6, 2019, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/active-shooter-reported-naval-air-station-pensacola-n1096966> (last visited January 5, 2026).

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The FDOT estimates that its cost to erect the designation markers required by this bill to be \$2,400. This assumes that a minimum of two markers are required at the FDOT's cost of no less than \$1,200 each.⁵ This estimate includes labor, materials, manufacturing, and installation. The FDOT expects to absorb this cost within existing resources.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Statutes Affected:

This bill creates an undesignated section 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.

This Senate Bill Analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's introducer or the Florida Senate.

⁵ Email from Jack Rogers, Legislative Affairs Director, Florida Department of Transportation, RE. Transportation Facility Designation Costs, December 9, 2024. (On file with Senate Committee on Transportation). Confirmed by an email from Jack Rogers, RE SB 174 – Charlie Kirk Designation, October 22, 2025. (On file with Senate Committee on Transportation).