

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 121

Special Observances

SPONSOR(S): Brisé

TIED BILLS:

IDEN./SIM. BILLS: SB 78

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) <u>Committee on Healthy Families</u>	<u></u>	<u>Preston</u>	<u>Schoolfield</u>
2) <u>Healthcare Council</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

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The bill does not appear to have a fiscal impact on state or local governments.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Chapter 683, Florida Statutes, relates to legal holidays and special observances. Section 683.01, Florida Statutes, designates 21 legal holidays,¹ while other provisions in ss. 683.04-683.325, Florida Statutes, designate special observances² or explain the significance of certain legal holidays.³ Additionally, legal holidays for specific counties in the state are listed in the chapter.⁴ Section 683.01, Florida Statutes, does not authorize state offices to be closed, nor does it authorize the designated days as paid holidays for state employees. The nine holidays that are paid holidays for state employees are listed in s.110.117, Florida Statutes.⁵

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C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Creates s. 683.34, Florida Statutes, relating to “Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day.”

Section 2. Provides for an effective date of upon becoming law.

¹ The legal holidays named in s. 683.01, F.S., are: (a) Sunday, the first day of each week; (b) New Year’s Day, January 1; (c) Birthday of Martin Luther King, January 15; (d) Birthday of Robert E. Lee, January 19; (e) Lincoln’s Birthday, February 12; (f) Susan B. Anthony’s Birthday, February 15; (g) Washington’s Birthday, the third Monday in February; (h) Good Friday; (i) Pascua Florida Day, April 2; (j) Confederate Memorial Day, April 26; (k) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May; (l) Birthday of Jefferson Davis, June 3; (m) Flag Day, June 14; (n) Independence Day, July 4; (o) Labor Day, the first Monday in September; (p) Columbus Day and Farmers’ Day, the second Monday in October; (q) Veterans’ Day, November 11; (r) General Election Day; (s) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November; (t) Christmas Day, December 25; and (u) Shrove Tuesday.

² See Section 683.04, F.S. (Arbor Day), Section 683.05, F.S. (Pan-American Day), Section 683.10, F.S. (Grandmother’s Day), Section 683.11, F.S. (Law Enforcement Appreciation Month), Section 683.115, F.S. (Law Enforcement Memorial Day), Section 683.13, F.S. (National Day of Mourning), Section 683.14, F.S. (Patriots’ Day), Section 683.145, F.S. (I Am An American Day), Section 683.15, F.S. (Teacher’s Day), Section 683.16, F.S. (Retired Teachers’ Day), Section 683.17, F.S. (Children’s Day), Section 683.18, F.S. (Save the Florida Panther Day), Section 683.21, F.S. (Juneteenth Day), Section 683.22, F.S. (Law Day and Law Week), Section 683.23, F.S. (Florida Missing Children’s Day), Section 683.24 F.S. (Florida Alzheimer’s Disease Day); Section 683.25 (Bill of Rights Day); and 683.325 (Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day).

³ See Section 683.06 (discussing Pascua Florida Day), and Section 683.19, F.S. (providing that the chief judge in each judicial circuit may declare Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Good Friday as legal holidays for the courts within the circuit).

⁴ See Section 683.08, F.S. (designating Gasparilla Day as a legal holiday in Hillsborough County), Section 683.09, F.S. (designating Desoto Day as a legal holiday in Manatee County), and Section 683.12, F.S. (designating Parade Day as a legal holiday in Hillsborough County).

⁵ The following holidays are paid holidays observed by all state branches and agencies: (a) New Year’s Day; (b) Birthday of Martin Luther King, third Monday in January; (c) Memorial Day; (d) Independence Day; (e) Labor Day; (f) Veterans’ Day, November 11; (g) Thanksgiving Day; (h) Friday after Thanksgiving; and (i) Christmas Day.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill does not appear to require counties or municipalities to take an action requiring the expenditure of funds, reduce the authority that counties or municipalities have to raise revenue in the aggregate, nor reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

The phrase "abused children and dysfunctional families" on lines 14-15 of the bill may not accurately or adequately capture those individuals served by child welfare professionals.

It is unclear who would be included in the category of "professionals" and "personnel" on lines 14 and 18 of the bill, respectively.

D. STATEMENT OF THE SPONSOR:

No statement provided.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COUNCIL SUBSTITUTE CHANGES