

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**CHILD AND FAMILY SECURITY  
FINAL ANALYSIS**

**BILL #:** HB 1283

**RELATING TO:** Parents' and Children's Day

**SPONSOR(S):** Representative Ausley

**TIED BILL(S):** None.

**ORIGINATING COMMITTEE(S)/COUNCIL(S)/COMMITTEE(S) OF REFERENCE:**

- (1) CHILD & FAMILY SECURITY YEAS 8 NAYS 0
  - (2) COUNCIL FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES YEAS 16 NAYS 0
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**I. SUMMARY:**

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This bill amends s. 683.17, F.S., by renaming "Children's Day" as "Parents' and Children's Day" and changing the date to first Sunday in April, with the intent that Florida's "Parents' and Children's Day" becomes the model for a National Parents' and Children's Day. It also encourages observation of this day by wearing a white ribbon and with appropriate activities, ceremonies, public awareness materials, and programs.

With the change of the name, the bill is introducing a public awareness component that would give parents the informational resources they need to raise healthy and productive children. This will be done by utilizing resources already provided by the state in partnership with private organizations that will fund the coordination of a statewide public awareness campaign.

This bill has no fiscal impact. If enacted, the bill takes effect July 1, 2002.

II. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS:

A. DOES THE BILL SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES:

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| 1. <u>Less Government</u>         | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. <u>Lower Taxes</u>             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. <u>Individual Freedom</u>      | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. <u>Personal Responsibility</u> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. <u>Family Empowerment</u>      | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input type="checkbox"/>            |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. PRESENT SITUATION:

Section 683.17, F.S., enacted in 1988, currently recognizes the second Tuesday in April as "Children's Day."

C. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

The bill changes the designated date to the first Sunday in April and includes parents in the celebration of this day. It will also call attention to critical issues facing our children and families in Florida by implementing a public awareness campaign, coordinated with private funds, which will utilize resources already provided by the state.

D. SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS:

**Section 1.** Amends s. 683.17, F.S., by renaming "Children's Day" as "Parents' and Children's Day" and changing the date to first Sunday in April, with the intent that Florida's "Parents' and Children's Day" becomes the model for a National Parents' and Children's Day. It also encourages observation of this day by wearing a white ribbon and with appropriate activities, ceremonies, public awareness materials, and programs.

**Section 2.** If enacted the bill takes effect July 1, 2002.

III. 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:

The Florida Children's Forum has agreed to help coordinate a statewide public awareness campaign with private dollars.

IV. CONSEQUENCES OF ARTICLE VII, SECTION 18 OF THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION:

A. APPLICABILITY OF THE MANDATES PROVISION:

The bill does not require a city or county to expend funds or to take any action requiring the expenditure of funds.

B. REDUCTION OF REVENUE RAISING AUTHORITY:

This bill does not reduce the authority that municipalities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate.

C. REDUCTION OF STATE TAX SHARED WITH COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES:

This bill does not reduce the percentage of state tax shared with counties or municipalities.

V. COMMENTS:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. OTHER COMMENTS:

On June 2, 2001, President George W. Bush proclaimed June 3, 2001, the first Sunday in the month, as National Child's Day.

VI. AMENDMENTS OR COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES:

None.

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VII. SIGNATURES:

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