

The Florida Senate
PROFESSIONAL STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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

Prepared By: Governmental Operations Committee

BILL: CS/SB 390

INTRODUCER: Governmental Operations Committee and Senator Wilson

SUBJECT: Child Welfare Professionals' Day

DATE: April 13, 2007 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	Adelstein	Jameson	CF	Favorable
2.	Rhea	Wilson	GO	Fav/CS
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I. Summary:

Beginning in May 2007, this bill designates the second Monday in May of each year as “Child Welfare Professionals’ Recognition Day,” to recognize the efforts of all professionals who work with abused children and dysfunctional families. The Department of Children and Family Services, local governments, and other agencies are encouraged to sponsor events to promote awareness of the child welfare system and the personnel who work in the system.

This bill creates an undesignated section of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Chapter 683, F.S., pertains to legal holidays and observances. There are currently 21 legal holidays designated in s. 683.01, F.S.¹ Sections 683.04 through 683.325, F.S., designate and explain the significance of special observances and certain legal holidays, including holidays specific to certain counties in Florida.²

¹ The legal holidays named in s. 683.01, F.S., are: (a) Sunday; (b) New Year’s Day; (c) Birthday of Martin Luther King; (d) Birthday of Robert E. Lee; (e) Lincoln’s Birthday; (f) Susan B. Anthony’s Birthday; (g) Washington’s Birthday; (h) Good Friday; (i) Pascua Florida Day; (j) Confederate Memorial Day; (k) Memorial Day; (l) Birthday of Jefferson Davis; (m) Flag Day; (n) Independence Day; (o) Labor Day; (p) Columbus Day and Farmers’ Day; (q) Veterans’ Day; (r) General Election Day; (s) Thanksgiving Day; (t) Christmas Day; and (u) Shrove Tuesday.

² See s. 683.04, F.S. (Arbor Day); s. 683.05, F.S. (Pan-American Day); s. 683.06, F.S. (Pascua Florida Day); s. 683.08, F.S. (Gasparilla Day); s. 683.09, F.S. (DeSoto Day); s. 683.10, F.S. (Grandmother’s Day); s. 683.11, F.S. (Law Enforcement Appreciation Month); s. 683.115, F.S. (Law Enforcement Memorial Day); s. 683.12, F.S. (Parade Day, Hillsborough County); s. 683.13, F.S. (National Day of Mourning); s. 683.14, F.S. (Patriots’ Day); s. 683.145, F.S. (I Am An American Day); s. 683.15, F.S. (Teacher’s Day); s. 683.16, F.S. (Retired Teachers’ Day); s. 683.17, F.S. (Parents’ and Children’s

The definition of “legal holidays” in this chapter refers specifically to the meaning of the term as used in contracts and defines them only as “those holidays designated in s. 683.01 and such others as may be designated by law.”³

Whenever a legal holiday falls upon a Sunday, the following Monday is deemed a public holiday.⁴ However, s. 683.01, F.S., does not provide authorization for the closure of state offices, nor does it designate days as paid holidays for state employees. Presently, there are nine such paid holidays for state employees, all of which are listed in s. 110.117, F.S.⁵

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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This bill is effective upon becoming law.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

Day);s. 683.18, F.S. (Save the Florida Panther Day); s. 683.19, F.S. (Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Good Friday);s. 683.195, F.S. (Florida Jewish History Month); s. 683.21, F.S. (Juneteenth Day); s. 683.22, F.S. (Law Day and Law Week); s. 683.23, F.S. (Florida Missing Children’s Day); s. 683.24, F.S. (Florida Alzheimer’s Disease Day); s. 683.25, F.S. (Bill of Rights Day); and s. 683.325, F.S. (Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day).

³ See s. 683.02, F.S.

⁴ See s. 683.01(2), F.S.

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, Jr.; (c) Memorial Day; (d) Independence Day; (e) Labor Day; (f) Veterans’ Day; (g) Thanksgiving Day; (h) Friday after Thanksgiving; and (i) Christmas Day.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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