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Introduced by
Senator Rogers

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENACTING AND ORDERING THE SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF A MEASURE RELATING
TO THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of
2 Representatives concurring:

3 1. Under the power of the referendum, as vested in the Legislature,
4 the following measure, relating to the Arizona board of regents, is
5 enacted to become valid as a law if approved by the voters and on
6 proclamation of the Governor:

7 AN ACT

8 AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED
9 STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1650.07; RELATING TO THE
10 ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

12 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 13, article 2, Arizona
13 Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-1650.07, to
14 read:

15 15-1650.07. Charlie Kirk memorial plaza; requirements;
16 civil penalties; annual report

17 A. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2028, EACH UNIVERSITY UNDER
18 THE JURISDICTION OF THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL
19 DESIGNATE AND DEVELOP A PROMINENT AREA ON THE UNIVERSITY'S
20 MAIN CAMPUS AS THE "CHARLIE KIRK MEMORIAL PLAZA". THE PLAZA
21 MUST BE LOCATED IN A HIGHLY VISIBLE AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE
22 LOCATION. A UNIVERSITY MAY SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS
23 PRESCRIBED BY THIS SUBSECTION BY DESIGNATING AN AREA FOR THE
24 PLAZA THAT IS LOCATED NEAR THE CENTRAL QUAD, STUDENT UNION OR
25 MAIN ENTRANCE PATHWAYS.

26 B. THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT GUIDELINES FOR THE MINIMUM
27 SIZE AND CONFIGURATION OF EACH PLAZA THAT IS REQUIRED BY
28 SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION. THE GUIDELINES MUST:

29 1. INCLUDE ALLOWANCES FOR PROPORTIONALLY REDUCED
30 DIMENSIONS BASED ON CAMPUS ACREAGE, STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND
31 AVAILABLE SPACE.

32 2. REQUIRE EACH PLAZA TO:

33 (a) MEET THE PROMINENCE AND ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
34 PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

35 (b) INCLUDE PERMANENT SIGNAGE THAT COMMEMORATES CHARLIE
36 KIRK'S COURAGE AND FAITH AND THAT EXPLAINS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
37 CHARLIE KIRK AS A VOICE OF A GENERATION, MODERN CIVIL RIGHTS
38 LEADER, VOCAL CHRISTIAN, MARTYR FOR TRUTH AND FAITH AND
39 ADVOCATE FOR FREE SPEECH.

40 (c) INCLUDE AS A CENTRAL ELEMENT OF THE PLAZA DESIGN A
41 STATUE OF EITHER CHARLIE KIRK SITTING AT A TABLE WITH AN EMPTY
42 SEAT ACROSS FROM HIM OR OF CHARLIE KIRK AND HIS WIFE STANDING
43 AND HOLDING THEIR CHILDREN IN THEIR ARMS.

44 C. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2027, AND BEFORE BEGINNING
45 CONSTRUCTION ON A PLAZA THAT WILL BE DESIGNATED AND DEVELOPED
46 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION, A REPRESENTATIVE OF

1 THE UNIVERSITY SHALL SUBMIT A DETAILED PLAN TO THE
2 CHAIRPERSONS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES AND THE STATE SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR
4 COMMITTEES, FOR REVIEW. EACH PLAN MUST INCLUDE A PROPOSED
5 LOCATION, SIZE, DESIGN ELEMENTS AND A PROJECTED TIMELINE FOR
6 COMPLETION.

7 D. THE BOARD MAY ACCEPT DONATIONS FROM ANY LAWFUL
8 SOURCE TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND ENHANCEMENT OF
9 THE PLAZAS THAT ARE DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION,
10 INCLUDING THE REQUIRED STATUES. IF THE LEGISLATURE
11 APPROPRIATES MONIES TO THE BOARD FOR THE PLAZAS REQUIRED BY
12 THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY ALLOCATE TO EACH UNIVERSITY A
13 GRANT IN AN AMOUNT THAT DOES NOT EXCEED \$750,000 FOR THE COSTS
14 OF DEVELOPING, MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE UNIVERSITY'S
15 PLAZA. A PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT
16 IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE 2 AND
17 THAT HAS A PHYSICAL CAMPUS IN THIS STATE OR A COMMUNITY
18 COLLEGE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-1401 MAY APPLY TO THE BOARD
19 FOR A GRANT TO DESIGNATE AND DEVELOP A CHARLIE KIRK MEMORIAL
20 PLAZA ON THE INSTITUTION'S OR COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CAMPUSES
21 THAT ARE LOCATED IN THIS STATE. IF SUFFICIENT MONIES ARE
22 AVAILABLE, THE BOARD SHALL AWARD A GRANT TO AN INSTITUTION OR
23 COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION ON SUBSTANTIALLY
24 THE SAME TERMS AS THE BOARD AWARDS A GRANT TO A UNIVERSITY FOR
25 A PLAZA THAT IS A SIMILAR SIZE AND STYLE.

26 E. EACH UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PRIVATE
27 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT DESIGNATES A PLAZA
28 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION:

29 1. SHALL:

30 (a) IMPLEMENT APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES, INCLUDING
31 THE INSTALLATION OF A SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM OR PHYSICAL
32 BARRIERS, TO ENSURE THE PLAZA AND STATUES ARE PROTECTED FROM
33 VANDALISM AND DEFACEMENT.

34 (b) EXPEL ANY STUDENT WHO DEFACES OR VANDALIZES THE
35 PLAZA OR STATUE.

36 (c) TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF ANY FACULTY MEMBER,
37 CONTRACTOR OR OTHER PERSONNEL WHO DEFACES OR VANDALIZES THE
38 PLAZA OR STATUE.

39 (d) ENSURE THAT THE PLAZA IS A NEUTRAL FORUM FOR
40 PROTECTED SPEECH.

41 2. IS ENTITLED TO MONETARY DAMAGES FOR THE COST OF
42 REPAIRING ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE DEFACEMENT OR VANDALISM OF
43 THE PLAZA OR STATUE.

44 F. THE BOARD SHALL PRESCRIBE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO
45 ENFORCE THE REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY SUBSECTION E OF THIS
46 SECTION. THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED PURSUANT TO

1 THIS SUBSECTION MUST PRIORITIZE THE PRESERVATION OF THE PLAZA
2 AND STATUE.

3 G. THE BOARD MAY ADOPT RULES TO IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

4 H. ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2027 AND MARCH 1 EACH YEAR
5 THEREAFTER, THE BOARD SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SPEAKER OF
6 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND
7 SECRETARY OF STATE THAT INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION AND STATEWIDE COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS
9 OF THIS SECTION.

10 Sec. 2. Implementation; civil penalties; delayed repeal

11 A. If a university under the jurisdiction of the
12 Arizona board of regents fails to complete construction of the
13 university's Charlie Kirk memorial plaza on or before March 1,
14 2028, the attorney general may impose a civil penalty against
15 the university in an amount that does not exceed one percent
16 of the university's budget for each month until the university
17 complies with the requirements prescribed by this section.

18 B. The legislature may waive the civil penalty
19 authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section for any
20 university that has started construction of the plaza on or
21 before March 1, 2028.

22 C. This section is repealed from and after December 31,
23 2030.

24 Sec. 3. Findings; intent

25 A. The legislature finds and declares that:

26 1. Charlie Kirk, born on October 14, 1993, was
27 tragically martyred by assassination on September 10, 2025.

28 2. Charlie was a fearless defender of free speech, the
29 founder and chief executive officer of Turning Point USA, and
30 a transformative force in empowering young Americans to engage
31 in open, robust discourse on college campuses.

32 B. It is the intent of the legislature that:

33 1. Universities and colleges in this state establish a
34 dedicated plaza on each campus in honor of Charlie Kirk to
35 perpetuate his legacy as a martyr for truth, faith and the
36 First Amendment.

37 2. Each dedicated plaza be designated as a "Charlie
38 Kirk Memorial Plaza" to remind all visitors to foster an
39 environment of intellectual freedom, civic engagement and the
40 principles that Charlie Kirk championed, thereby ensuring that
41 future generations remember his courage, faith, sacrifice and
42 contributions to American liberty.

43 2. The Secretary of State shall submit this proposition to the
44 voters at the next general election as provided by article IV, part 1,
45 section 1, Constitution of Arizona.