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Bill Analysis

SB 1187 requires each institution of higher education within the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education to establish on its main campus a square or plaza to be designated as the Charlie Kirk Memorial Plaza. It directs the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to establish guidelines for minimum size and configuration of the square or plaza. It requires the governing board of each institution to submit to the Legislature by March 1, 2027, a detailed plan for the square or plaza, which the Legislature may approve or direct modifications. The bill also requires each square or plaza to include a statue of Charlie Kirk. It allows institutions of higher education to accept donations for development and maintenance of the square or plaza and statue, and it allows the Legislature to provide matching funds. Additionally, the bill allows private institutions of higher education to apply to the State Regents for grant funds to establish a Charlie Kirk Memorial Plaza on their campuses. It requires each state institution of higher education to complete construction of its square or plaza by March 1, 2028. Failure to meet the deadline is subject to a fine of 1 percent of the institution's appropriated budget for each month of noncompliance. The measure allows the Legislature to extend the deadline. It requires the State Regents to submit an annual report to the Legislature on progress and compliance with the bill. It directs governing boards of institutions of higher education to take appropriate security measures for the plaza or square and statue, and if it is found that a student, employee, or faculty member commits defacement or vandalism, he or she is subject to immediate enrollment or employment termination.

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