



The Briefing — Friday, July 22, 2022

The last Briefing was Monday, July 18, 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

The Quick

Having Random Thoughts on this Friday morning in July!

Things feel really slow!
Never thought low 90's would feel good!
If we could capture the rain – there would be no shortage of water!
Even though it's mid-July – the 22-23 School year seems right around the corner!
When a mass shooter is captured – don't they deserve a speedy trial and swift justice?
Going to the mountains in August – can't wait!
The Jan. 6th Hearings peel back a dramatic Oval Office!
With all the problems – I feel fortunate to be an American!
Wondering what surprises the Primaries will bring!
Seems like Covid hit a lot of folks this summer!
I miss the folks that Covid took! Buddy Mansfield for one!
Some people do stupid stuff – most deserve a second chance!
When you get a second chance - don't blow it!

Sales Tax Waivers/Exemptions Continue with 2 Week Back-To-School Tax Holiday

The back-to-school tax “holiday” is set to begin Monday. The tax break will run for two weeks ending August 7th. During the back-to-school holiday, most school supplies that cost \$50 or less will be exempt from sales taxes. The holiday also will apply to clothing, shoes and accessories selling for \$100 or less and learning aids and jigsaw puzzles that cost \$30 or less. Sales taxes also won't be collected on some

big-ticket items, such as personal computers selling for \$1,500 or less. It is estimated that the back-to-school tax holiday could save Florida consumers \$100 million.

Other sales-tax breaks –

- one for children's books started in May and will continue through Aug. 14. Intended to give consumers a break on reading materials primarily for children 12 and younger, it applies to purchases of picture books, books for beginning readers and middle-grade books.
- Beginning in July, a sales tax on diapers and clothing for babies and toddlers will be waived through June 30, 2023.
- A sales tax waiver on purchases to harden homes will run for two years ending June 30, 2024
- An exemption on purchases of energy-efficient appliances will last through June 30, 2023.
- A one-week sales tax exemption on home-improvement supplies — dubbed by lawmakers as the “tool time” holiday — will start Sept. 3.
- In October, the state’s 25-cents-a-gallon gasoline tax will be suspended for the month, a nice gesture before the General Election.

Florida Transportation Plan Implementation Element Available

The Florida Department of Transportation has published the Implementation Element of the Florida Transportation Plan. The [FTP Implementation Element](#) details how we will work toward implementation during the next five years. It details specific short-term actions and describes roles and processes for implementing the FTP and tracking progress toward accomplishing the vision and goals.

The Florida Transportation Plan (FTP) is the single overarching plan guiding Florida’s transportation future. Updated every five years, the FTP is a collaborative effort of state, regional, and local transportation partners in the public and private sectors. The update of the FTP Policy and Performance Elements were recently completed and are now available for download and viewing at

www.floridatransportationplan.com.

Citrus Forecast will be released at Noon

The citrus production forecast is **released at 12 noon** but may not be available on this website until 15-30 minutes later due to transmission schedules. The USDA report should be available immediately after release and can be found at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 22-23

2022

August 23 -	Primary Election
Sept. 14-16 -	FAC Legislative Policy Conference – Miami-Dade
November 8 -	General Election
Possible TBA	Small County Coalition – Orientation and Legislative Meeting
November 22 -	Legislative Organizational Session
Nov. 29 – Dec. 2 -	FSBA/FADSS Annual Winter Conference – Tampa
Dec. 1 -	Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of FSBA Small Dist. Council and the Small School District Council Consortium
Nov. 30- Dec. 2 -	FAC Legislative Conference – Pinellas
December –	Legislative Committee Meetings
December 7-9 -	Rural Development Summit – World Golf Resort

2023

January –	Legislative Committee Meetings
February –	Legislative Committee Meetings

March 7 -	Regular Session convenes
March 15 -	Small District Briefing – prior to FSBA Legislative Conference
March 15–17 -	36th Annual FSBA Day in the Legislature
March - TBD –	Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception
April 25-	Rural Counties Day Legislative Reception
April 27 -	Rural Days in the Legislature
May 5 -	60th day – last day of Regular Session
June 7-9-	FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
June 27-30 -	FAC Annual Summer Conference
November 30 –	Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium

Headlines from around the State

FlaPol: Ratings agency to downgrade 17 Florida insurers, sparking backlash from CFO Patronis, regulators

Times: Property insurers in Florida could face downgrades

Politico: Miami-Dade rejects sex ed textbooks over concerns it violates ‘Don’t Say Gay’

NYTimes: Miami-Dade School Board Rejects New Textbooks With Sex Education Curriculum

Herald: Gender identity. Birth control. Here are some objections to Miami-Dade's sex-ed textbook

Herald: Miami-Dade School Board rejected sex-ed textbook. What now?

FlaPol: Nikki Fried hails Senate cannabis bill

WLRN: AG Nikki Fried introduces ride safety draft in Florida

FlaPol: Ted Deutch, Matt Gaetz trade barbs during assault weapon ban debate

Sun-Sentinel: Parkland shooter slipped away in panic and chaos at high school, calmly went into fast-food places, videos in court show

Sentinel: ‘I had a bad gut feeling.’ Victim's brother describes encounter with Parkland gunman after shooting

AP: Company plans 6,000 electric vehicle chargers in Florida

FlaPol: DBPR Secretary to deliver FSU commencement speeches

Herald: More than 150 migrants on an overloaded sailboat grounded off Miami-Dade, Coast Guard says

Herald: Congress could shut down county plan for private planes at Homestead air base

Sentinel: How little brown bugs have pushed Florida's iconic citrus industry to the brink

Herald: Florida is in midst of a meningococcal outbreak. What to know now about meningitis

Times: Pasco commissioners set project list for sales tax renewal

Times: Dogs stranded abroad as Florida families face changing rabies rules

WLRN: Sales tax 'holiday' for school supplies begins on Monday

WLRN: A petition is urging Publix to raise wages for workers

Daily News: Exclusive: Hertz offers more settlements to rental customers claiming false car theft arrests

Herald Tribune: New preschool opening highlights child care shortage in Sarasota-Manatee

NWF Daily News: Waste Management won't add fines for overstuffing trash cans in Destin

Ledger: Tom Shaw, Lakeland commissioner for 20 years, dies at 97

Politico: Insults fly as Crist, Fried clash during Florida Democratic debate

FlaPol: Charlie Crist, Nikki Fried spar over who is better Democrat, better challenger to Ron DeSantis

Sentinel: Fried slams Crist's GOP past, and he hits back in Democratic governor debate

NBC 6: Fried and Crist Clash in Heated Florida Democratic Gubernatorial Debate

Capitolist: Crist vs. Fried: Democrat debate slug fest

NBC: Crist stripped of personal pen, fan before Fried debate faceoff

FlaPol: Charlie Crist, Nikki Fried give enviro issues cursory treatment at Dem debate

Herald: Five takeaways from the first TV debate between Florida Democrats running for governor

Times: Following DeSantis, Democrat Charlie Crist makes his own school board race endorsements

Bradenton Herald: Independent pro-DeSantis group's study finds moderate Republicans souring on Trump online

Sentinel: Operatives working with FPL plotted primary challenge for Miami senator

Democrat: Forward Florida PAC pays six-figure legal tab for Andrew Gillum

FlaPol: Daniel Uhlfelder joins synagogue lawsuit challenging Florida's new abortion ban

FlaPol: Matt Gaetz campaign gets \$17K from Rockefeller heir who had contact with Russian agent

FlaPol: Group slams Anthony Sabatini for the many votes he missed and a few he cast

FlaPol: Florida doctors endorse Shane Abbott in HD 5 race

TCPalm: St. Lucie School Board candidates stress discipline, academics

Axios: Mayor Ken Welch gets schooled at Bloomberg Harvard program for mayors

NWF Daily News: Walton approves \$200K for Tri-State Christian Camp construction. Is grant constitutional?

Sentinel: 'It's not wanted or needed here.' Winter Garden balks at plastics recycling plant location

Sentinel: Seminole commissioners to set property tax rate as home values soar

WUSF: Tampa's latest solution to its litter problem? A trash-collecting boat

Times: Pinellas County budget focuses investing in roads, bridges and infrastructure

Democrat: Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis set to speak at different Florida events amid growing rivalry

Sentinel: President Biden to visit Orlando and Tampa on Monday

Politico: Publix heiress gives \$50K to conservative education group Moms for Liberty PAC

The Floridian: Demings Touts Her Vote Against the Ownership of 'Military Style' Weapons

Axios: The man behind the push to save wild Florida

Democrat: No arrests in connection with mass fentanyl overdose deaths in Gadsden County

Herald: Florida's meningitis outbreak is much more serious than monkeypox, says state's top doctor

Sun-Sentinel: Florida's monkeypox cases soar as criticism mounts over slow response

WLRN: Florida could see increased thunderstorm activity over the next few days

Times: DeSantis campaign raises \$29.2 million this year from outside Florida

News4Jax: Not a scam: Receive a \$450 check in the mail from Gov. DeSantis? Don't toss it, cash it

WLRN: Will Florida's improved electric vehicle infrastructure convince people to buy an EV?

The Capitolist: Pair of lawsuits against Florida's most prominent universities to be heard in court

AP: Officials: Starvation threat not over for Florida manatees

My News 13: Florida leaders reveal framework for proposed ride safety law

Five Day Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: ✕ < 40% ✕ 40-60% ✕ > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: ○ Depression ⊙ Storm ● Hurricane

⊗ Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

On the Docket

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022

- **PSYCHOLOGY ISSUES:** The Florida Board of Psychology will meet. (Friday, 8 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766)
- **ETHICS COMMISSION:** The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. Cases are expected to include a settlement involving former state Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)
- **INTEREST RATES:** The Economic Estimating Conference will discuss interest rates used in appropriations. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **FLORIDA ECONOMY:** The Economic Estimating Conference will discuss the Florida economy. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD:** The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 634513941)
- **JOBS REPORT RELEASED:** The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a June unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- **REFUGEE ISSUES:** The Palm Beach Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **LGBTQ+ CAUCUS KICKS OFF CONFERENCE:** The Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Conference will hold an opening reception for a weekend conference. (Friday, 6:30 p.m., The Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Dr., Fort Lauderdale.)

- **REPUBLICANS OPEN SUNSHINE SUMMIT:** The Republican Party of Florida will hold a reception to begin its Sunshine Summit event. (Friday, 7 p.m., Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood.)
- **FINANCE REPORTS DUE:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 15.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

- **LGBTQ+ CAUCUS HOLDS CONFERENCE:** The Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Conference will hold a conference that is expected to include numerous candidates, including gubernatorial candidates Charlie Crist and Nikki Fried and U.S. Senate candidate Val Demings. (Saturday, events start at 8:30 a.m., The Westin Fort Lauderdale, 400 Corporate Dr., Fort Lauderdale.)
- **REPUBLICANS HOLD SUNSHINE SUMMIT:** The Republican Party of Florida will hold its Sunshine Summit, which is expected to draw numerous candidates, including Gov. Ron DeSantis, U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, Attorney General Ashley Moody and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis. (Saturday, events start at 9 a.m., Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood.)

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

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