



The Briefing – Friday – September 30 –2022

The last Briefing was Thursday – September 29 - 2022

Here's the College Football TV Schedule for Week Five

Here are the Florida Teams in play-

Saturday, Oct. 1

East Carolina at South Florida (Boca Raton) | 2:30 p.m. | ESPN+

No. 22 Wake Forest at No. 23 Florida State | 3:30 p.m. | ABC

Florida Atlantic at North Texas | 4 p.m. | ESPN+

FIU at New Mexico State | 8 p.m. | Flo Sports

Sunday, Oct. 2

Eastern Washington at Florida | 12 p.m. | ESPN+/SECN+

SMU at UCF | 1 p.m. | TBD

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

Ian moves across State and up East Coast

Flooding concerns are major issue throughout the State and will remain into the weekend!

County EM Officials Begin Damage Assessment; Recovery; and, Debris Removal

The Latest Updates from the National Hurricane Center

The Fla Division of Emergency Management Website

The Fla Dept of Education - School Closures

FloridaDisaster.org

State Emergency Response Team (SERT)

Emergency Support Functions

Emergency Coordinating Officers

Planning and Preparation

The Quick

Proviso Requiring Oct. 1 – Minimum Wage Being Challenged as Unconstitutional

The Legislative Proviso language requiring Medicaid providers to implement a \$15 minimum wage by October 1 is being challenged by the Florida Ambulance Association, the Florida Assisted Living Association, and the Home Care Association of Florida. The challenge is requesting a temporary injunction enjoining the State of Florida and the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration from

enforcing the provisions of HB 5001, the General Appropriations Act for Florida State Fiscal Year 2022-2023 ("Budget") which creates effective January 1, a new cause of action against Medicaid providers who do not pay "direct care employees" a minimum of \$15.00 per hour. A second pleading is requesting a declaration that the court rule that the proviso language creating a new legal cause of action against Medicaid providers is unconstitutional and invalid. Attached are two documents that have been filed by the plaintiffs. The third document is a report of the impact of the proviso language on small counties in Florida.

- [MOTION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND TO CONSOLIDATE CONSIDERATION OF THIS MOTION WITH FINAL CONSIDERATION ON THE MERITS](#)
- [Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief \(003\).pdf](#)
- [Report on the Proviso Language Requiring Direct Care Employees to be paid \\$15 per hr minimum by Oct. 1 \(1\).docx](#)

Gas Tax-Break Starts Oct. 1 –

\$200 million in Federal funds allocated by Legislature to reduce price of gas!

Prices at the pump for Florida motorists should go down Saturday as part of a temporary gas-tax break, as 27 new laws kick in this weekend. The Legislature directed \$200 million in federal COVID-19 stimulus money to make up for the lost tax revenue. The decision to delay the tax break until October was based on the rationale that there would be fewer tourists in Florida than during other months. The gas-tax break was part of a larger tax package (HB 7071) that was passed by the Legislature in May. The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gas in Florida hit a high of \$4.89 on June 13, but prices steadily declined during the summer, with the average at \$3.39 on Thursday, according to the AAA auto club.

Impact of Ian should note impact prices at the pump!

AAA spokesman Mark Jenkins said that since the storm was not "projected to impact the refineries in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, it's unlikely that the storm itself or the resulting demand, would cause pump prices to spike."

26 Laws Going Into Effect Saturday

[Links to Laws Going into Effect October 1 - 2022 .docx](#)

Link provide active access to bill information. Just tap the bill number.

Headlines Around the State

On the Docket

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

- **MINIMUM WAGE GOES TO \$11:** In the second increase under a 2020 constitutional amendment, Florida's minimum wage will go to \$11 an hour on Friday. The voter-approved amendment, spearheaded by prominent Orlando attorney John Morgan, will gradually lead to a \$15-an-hour minimum wage on Sept. 30, 2026, and inflation-linked increases after that. Under the measure, the minimum wage went to \$10 an hour on Sept. 30, 2021, and will increase by \$1 each Sept. 30 until 2026.
- **TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS:** A joint committee of the Florida Board of Medicine and the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will discuss a draft rule that could restrict doctors from providing treatments to transgender people under age 18. The meeting will come after the Florida Department of Health in July filed a petition seeking a rule-making process on the contentious issue of treatment for gender dysphoria. The petition proposed what is known as a "standard of care" that would prohibit patients under age 18 from receiving sex-reassignment surgery and puberty-blocking, hormone and hormone "antagonist" treatments. It also would require that older patients sign a consent form and then wait 24 hours before starting such treatments. (Friday, 8 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)

- LONG-TERM CARE: The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program state council is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 8 a.m., Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Dr., Orlando.)
- SUICIDE PREVENTION : The Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Children and Families, 2415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee.)
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION : The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.)
- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS PANEL : The Florida Greenways and Trails Council is scheduled to meet in Volusia County. (Friday, 9 a.m., DeBary Hall Stable, 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary.)
- HUNGER: Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried is slated to take part in a “statewide hunger call” to address efforts aimed at ending hunger. (Friday, 11 a.m. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/8382835405127995152>)
- FLORIDA GULF COAST TRUSTEES : The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 1 p.m. <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>)
- CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS DUE: State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 23.

Upcoming Meetings

Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

*Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting
Greet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)*

Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting

*Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting
Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)*

Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

*December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine
[Registration for Summit](#)*

About the Briefing!

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

Website Links

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