



## *The Briefing –Friday – November 18 - 2022*

*The last Briefing was Tuesday – November 15 - 2022*

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

*[Link to all Week 12 of NCAA Football Games](#)*

Louisiana at FSU	USF at Tulsa
Florida at Vanderbilt	FAU at Middle Tennessee
Miami at Clemson	FIU at UTEP
Navy at UCF	

### *Website Links*

*[Small County Coalition Website](#)*

*[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)*

### *Action Requested*

***Members of the Small School District Council Consortium and the Small County Coalition are requested to review the designated Board members and Commissioners that are to represent the school district or the county on the SSDCC or the Small County Coalition Board of Directors. Please review the following links and email [cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com](mailto:cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com) of any changes.***

#### ***Small School District Council Consortium Board of Directors***

 [SSDCC Board of Directors 2022-23.docx](#)

At the upcoming organizational session of your local school board we request each member to affirm the Board member that will serve with the Superintendent on the SSDCC Board of Directors. There is no requirement that board members change from year to year.

#### ***Small County Coalition Board of Directors and Liaisons***

 [Small County Coalition Board of Directors - Please Confirm Board Reps. .docx](#)

 [SCC Board of Directors and Staff Liaison Selection Form.docx](#)

Each Coalition member is requested to confirm their county representatives to serve on the Coalition Board of Directors

## ***The Quick***

### **Organizational Session To Convene Tuesday**

The Florida House and Senate will convene in Tallahassee next week to formally seat Senator Kathleen Passidomo as Senate President and Representative Paul Renner as the Speaker of the House for the 2022-2024 legislative term. Deliberations can be watched live on The Florida Channel.

### **House Speaker-designate Paul Renner announced the appointments of Rep. Michael Grant as Majority Leader and Rep. Chuck Clemons as Speaker Pro Tempore.**

Florida House Speaker-designate Paul Renner has announced the appointment of Representative Michael Grant as Majority Leader for the upcoming Legislative term. Renner also recommended Representative Chuck Clemons to the House leadership team as Speaker pro tempore for the upcoming Legislative term. As Majority Leader, Representative Grant will be responsible for guiding the Republican Conference and shepherding the Republican agenda throughout Committee Weeks and the Legislative Session. Representative Grant represents the people of House District 75, which includes parts of Sarasota and Charlotte County. He was recently re-elected to his fourth consecutive term. He also previously served as Majority Leader from 2020-2022.

As Speaker pro tempore, Representative Clemons will be responsible for performing the duties of the Speaker in the event of an interim vacancy of the Speaker through death, resignation, or disability. He will also preside in the Chamber when the Speaker leaves the Chair. Representative Clemons represents the people of House District 22, which includes Gilchrist, Levy and, part of Alachua County. He was recently re-elected to his fourth consecutive term. Recently, Representative Clemons served as Deputy Majority Leader and Majority Whip from 2020-2022.

### **Federal Judge Blocks the Stop Woke Act**

Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker issued a ruling Thursday blocking the law that restricts the way race-related concepts can be taught in universities. The law, dubbed the “Stop Wrongs To Our Kids and Employees Act,” or “Stop WOKE Act,” lists a series of race-related concepts and says it would constitute discrimination if students are subjected to instruction that “espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates or compels” them to believe the concepts. Faculty members who violate the law, which has sparked several legal challenges, could be fired, and a “substantiated violation” of the restrictions would make schools ineligible for what is known as performance funding.

The law is “***antithetical to academic freedom and has cast a leaden pall of orthodoxy over Florida’s state universities,***” Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker wrote in the ruling. “***Neither the state of Florida’s authority to regulate public school curriculum, nor its interest in preventing race or sex discrimination can support its weight. Nor does the First Amendment tolerate it,***” he added.

Walker’s ruling, which granted a preliminary injunction against the law, came in two lawsuits filed by professors and students from several state universities. The plaintiffs argued that the restrictions are causing confusion for instructors, are having a chilling effect on speech inside classrooms and are an unconstitutional infringement of professors’ First Amendment rights.

***Did you know? 5,077 students involuntarily committed under Florida's Baker Act***

[2021-22 State Involuntary Examination \(IE\) Report](#)

Florida had 5,077 incidents of students being involuntarily committed under a mental-health law known as the Baker Act during the past school year, according to data presented Wednesday to the state school-safety commission. School districts are required to report Baker Act data under a law approved last year by the Legislature and Gov. Ron DeSantis. Districts report numbers of students who are taken to facilities because of incidents initiated on campuses, school transportation or school-sponsored activities.

***Eye on the Tropics***

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

***All Clear in the Tropics or the next five days!***

***Headlines Around the State***

*Politico: 'Positively dystopian': Florida judge blocks DeSantis' anti-woke law for colleges*

*FlaPol: Federal judge stops enforcement of so-called Stop WOKE Act in state's public universities*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis claims 'freedom first' policies drive Florida's tourism boom*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis: State workers to get extra days off for holidays*

*FlaPol: House Speaker-designate Paul Renner names two to leadership team*

*Sentinel: Florida pro-choice advocates are ready to fight if GOP supermajority targets abortion access*

*Herald: Miami-Dade's economic development agency reports record year luring firms to Miami*

*Herald Tribune: A Florida city approved an LGBTQ+ pride festival. Conservative rage ensued.*

*FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Here's where the mid-major firms landed in Q3*

*Times: Dozens show up to oppose sex education curriculum for Hillsborough schools*

*News4Jax: Sheriff-elect T.K. Waters says department must get closer to our community*

*News4Jax: Jacksonville Sheriff Pat Ivey announces retirement as T.K. Waters prepares to take over agency on Sunday*

*WLRN: Broward school board candidate files lawsuit challenging her opponent's eligibility to hold office*

*Sentinel: Winter Park man accused of hitting cop with skateboard during Capitol riot pleads guilty*

*TCPalm: How Florida turned red: Changing population, weak opposition, aggressive Gov. Ron DeSantis*

*Politico: GOP to DeSantis: Thanks for helping us flip the House*

*Times: Did DeSantis' map deliver the U.S. House to Republicans? It's complicated.*

*FlaPol: Florida's congressional delegation reacts to news Nancy Pelosi will step away from leadership*

*The Hill: Trump vs. DeSantis: How the two GOP heavyweights match up*

*The Hill: Here's where three criminal probes stand as Trump enters 2024 race*

*FlaPol: 'DeFuture'? Ron to the Rescue super PAC kicks off with 2024 ad*

*Times: Florida statewide candidates got nearly \$13 million in taxpayer matching funds*

*Sentinel: Orange County commissioners vote to continue legal fight for rent control*

*Sun-Sentinel: Sunrise Police sergeant who grabbed officer by throat retires*

### **On the Docket**

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

- DESANTIS, SCOTT AT RJC MEETING: Gov. Ron DeSantis and U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., will be among the speakers during a Republican Jewish Coalition meeting Friday and Saturday at The Venetian Resort in Las Vegas.
- BUDGET REQUESTS: The Office of Planning and Budget in the governor's office will discuss agency legislative budget requests for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. (Friday, 8 a.m., 2103 Capitol.)
- HAWKINS, DALEY AT FIT CONFERENCE: State Rep. Fred Hawkins, R-St. Cloud, and Rep. Dan Daley, D-Coral Springs, are expected to speak about "Bridging the Digital Divide" during a Florida Internet & Television conference. (Friday, sessions start at 8: 30 a.m., Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando, 6601 Adventure Way, Orlando.)
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION: The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Mission Inn Resort and Club, 10400 Florida 48, Howey-in-the-Hills.)
- JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release an October unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- PALM BEACH DELEGATION: The Palm Beach County legislative delegation will meet and elect new leaders. (Friday, 10 a.m., City of Boca Raton, 6500 Congress Ave., Boca Raton.)
- REFUGEE ISSUES: The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- LONG-TERM CARE: The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program State Council will meet. (Friday, 10: 30 a.m. Call-in number: 850-792-8943. Code: 299887992)
- RECYCLING AWARDS ANNOUNCED: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Recycling Partnership Foundation will announce awards during a news conference that is part of Florida Recycles Week. (Friday, 11 a.m., front steps of the Old Capitol, Tallahassee.)
- FSU TRUSTEES: The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. (Friday, noon, Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD: The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Friday, 1 p.m. [https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_7Fhj3qRHTfK2PH9hXmz40A](https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_7Fhj3qRHTfK2PH9hXmz40A))

### **Important Meetings on Rural/Small County Issues**

#### **Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting**

#### **For County Commissioners and Staff**

Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting  
Major Actions –

Welcome New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program  
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)

**Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting**  
**For School Board members and Superintendents**

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

**Annual Florida Rural Economic Development Summit**  
**Major Focus – Advancing Economic Development in rural communities**  
December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine.  
[Registration for Summit](#)  
[Tentative Agenda for Summit](#)

**Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th**  
**Open for participating entities**

 [FAC BROADBAND SUMMIT.docx](#)  
[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)  
Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

***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 – [cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

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