



<u>Saturday, Jan. 21</u>	<u>Sunday, Jan. 22</u>
(4) Jaguars at (1) Chiefs, 4:30 p.m. ET (NBC). (6) Giants at (1) Eagles , 8:15 p.m. ET (Fox).	(3) Bengals at (2) Bills.3 p.m. ET (CBS) (5) Cowboys at (2) 49ers 6:30 p.m. ET (Fox)

## *The Briefing for Thursday – January 19 – 2023*

*The last Briefing was Wednesday – January 18 - 2023*

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

### *House and Senate Finish Week Two of Committee Meetings Legislators Will Return Next Week for another Full Slate of Meetings*

House and Senate committee’s wrap-up today. This week, legislators dug into a number of significant issues signaling the issues that will be more than likely addressed during the upcoming session. General Government issues included - WILDLIFE CORRIDOR, CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER RECRUITMENT, WATER QUALITY, SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY and HURRICANE IMPACTS. While the Education Committees focused on - ‘SCIENCE OF READING’ STUDENT ASSESSMENTS, EARLY LEARNING, and SCHOOL CHOICE.

### *Impact of Conservation Land on Ad Valorem Revenues*

- Of the 31.22% percent of all land in the State of Florida that is currently designated for conservation purposes, eight counties are already over 50 percent (Broward, Collier, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okaloosa, Franklin, Liberty, and Wakulla). This has a significant impact on the property tax base.
- Regarding the impact on ad valorem taxation overall, roughly 1.74% of the statewide county tax base and 1.48% of the statewide school tax base have been removed from the tax roll. As a result, on net, approximately \$335 million in county taxes and \$260 million in school taxes were shifted to other property owners or lost due to lands being held in conservation in 2022.
- For five counties (Dixie, Glades, Hendry, Liberty, and Wakulla) the implied share of the tax base that is lost due to the presence of conservation lands was greater than 20% for both CTV and STV, while in twelve counties (Broward, Flagler, Lee, Manatee, Miami- Dade, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Seminole, Sumter, and Union) the implied base loss was less than 1% for both CTV and STV.

### **Updated List of Pre-filed Bills**

Here are links to Bills filed relating to Education and General Government. The links provide information on bills – the bills numbers are also active links.

***[General Government Bills Filed for 2023 .docx](#)***

***[Education Bills Filed for 2023 .docx](#)***

### **Sixteen Counties to Receive Beach Funding**

Beach nourishment projects totaling \$100 million was distributed to 16 coastal counties impacted by Hurricane Ian or Hurricane Nicole. The funding was part of Senate Bill 4A, which allocated this funding to address coastal erosion resulting from these two back-to-back storm events. A list of awards can be found [here](#).

### **Governor DeSantis' Book**

***[The Courage to Be Free: Florida's Blueprint for America's Revival](#)***

***To Be Available Feb. 28 – Seven days prior to the 2023 Legislative Session***

***Is he running? What do you think?***

### **Days Until**

2023 FAC Access 67 Broadband Summit Florida Association of Counties begins — 7;

Senator deadline for drafts of general bills and joint resolutions — 7;

2023 State of the Union speech — 19;

2023 NFL Super Bowl - 24;

2023 Florida Chamber Legislative Fly-In — 33;

DeSantis' 'The Courage to Be Free: Florida's Blueprint for America's Revival' released — 40;

2023 Legislative Session convenes — 47;

Florida TaxWatch's State of the Taxpayer Dinner — 48;

Small County Coalition Legislative Reception/Briefing – 54;

Florida Association of Counties Legislative Days – 55;

Florida School Boards Association Legislative Days – 55;

2023 Legislative Session Sine Die — 106;

Opening Ceremony of the 2024 Olympic Games — 554

### **Mark Your Calendars for Legislative Days**

***March 14 – Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception – [Sittig Hall](#)***

***March 15 – Pre-Conference Briefing – Small School District Council Consortium – Venue TBD***

***Registration for the following events-***

***March 15 - 2023 Legislative Day - Florida Association of Counties – FSU Turnbull Center***

***March 15-16 - 2023 Legislative Days - Florida School Boards Association – AC Marriott***

***April 25-26 - 2023 Rural Counties Days at the Capitol***

***Secure Your Hotel Room***

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### **Headlines Around the State**

***Fast Company: [How Gavin Newsom and Ron DeSantis are building recognizable national brands](#)***

***LA Times: [California vs. Florida: A tale of two Americas](#)***

***Politico: [Top Michigan Republicans move to draft DeSantis for 2024](#)***

*The Capitolist: Florida College System presidents issue statement of support for DeSantis anti-DEI measures*

*Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis administration trumpets colleges' statement on CRT as anti-'woke' victory*

*Sentinel: Judge denies DeSantis administration request to evaluate trans kids in Medicaid fight*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis worries Hunter Biden could have had access to classified documents*

*FlaPol: 'Hypocrite or clueless': Rick Scott rails against Joe Biden's retention of classified docs*

*My News 13: Harris to push abortion fight in Florida on Roe anniversary*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott uses 'alcoholism' as metaphor for current Social Security, Medicare spending levels*

*FlaPol: Republican U.S. Rep. Greg Steube hospitalized after high fall at his home*

*Herald: Greene knocks Gaetz in exchange over committee assignments*

*FlaPol: Cory Mills named to Armed Services, Foreign Affairs committees*

*City & State FL: Florida's public universities spend millions on diversity, equity, inclusion initiatives*

*Axios: LGBTQ advocates prepare to fight possible 'Don't Say Gay' expansion*

*WUSF: State ponders more scrutiny of school library books, warns staff that 'violations' could be crimes*

*My News 13: State education officials pass rule on schools' library book choices*

*Sun-Sentinel: New state rules tell school librarians to 'err on side of caution' when picking books*

*Sun-Sentinel: New system lets sex assault victims track their cases in Florida*

*City & State FL: On migrants, Miami's Francis Suarez, other mayors call on President Biden for help*

*Sentinel: Florida judge rejects request to subpoena journalists' documents in 'ghost' candidate case*

*The Capitolist: Board of Education: early progress monitoring results showing improvements among students, though scores remain low*

*Times: Florida sees first graduation rate decline in 16 years*

*WUSF: A new estimate puts crop damage from Hurricane Ian at \$1 billion*

*My News 13: Experts discuss the future of Florida citrus production*

*WLRN: Long overdue: Army Corps tackles sea rise and South Florida's aging drainage system*

*The Capitolist: Study: Florida has the 2nd most expensive car insurance*

*FlaPol: Kathy Castor opens new St. Pete office, taps new leadership*

*Sun-Sentinel: FDA suit accuses Boca Raton company of distributing 'adulterated' drugs*

*FlaPol: Lauren Boebert to speak at Heartland Institute Conference on Climate Change in Orlando*

*Politico: Russian cryptocurrency owner arrested in Miami for allegedly transmitting over \$700M in illicit funds*

*Times: Recent cold fronts were good news for Tampa Bay's red tide situation. At least for now.*

*PNJ: Pensacola abortion clinic will not reopen after operator gives up license. What's next?*

*WUSF: Sarasota County offering in-home vaccinations to residents*

*WLRN: DeSantis vows to protect free speech rights of doctors when sharing COVID-19 views*

*CBS Miami: Gov. Ron DeSantis seeks university information on trans care*

*News4Jax: DeSantis awards \$100M for hurricane erosion recovery efforts*

*The Floridian: DeSantis discusses \$100 million hurricane relief and new tax legislation*

*Sentinel: DeSantis touts \$37.6 million for Volusia beaches, but hurricane frustrations remain*

*Sentinel: Florida Democrats, Republicans need new leaders but for opposite reasons*

*Bradenton Herald: After months of mystery over migrant flights, legislators with oversight ask no questions*

*News4Jax: 'One person's not enough': State leaders considering expansion of Florida's school guardian program*

*WLRN: Senate proposal earmarks \$20M for coral reef protections and more in the Keys*

*Sentinel: Legislation proposes task force to reduce runaways, child sex trafficking in Florida's foster system*

*Democrat: Florida lawmakers propose update to NIL regulations. Here's how it could benefit schools*

*Post: Florida HS sports association panel recommends making menstrual cycle questions mandatory*

*Democrat: Florida Dept. of Corrections wants 12% budget hike, to increase prison employee pay again*

*Times: Florida officials blame unions as thousands of teachers still await raises*

*The Capitolist: Wilton Simpson appoints West Gregory to lead Office of Agricultural Water Policy*

*FlaPol: Bipartisan bill slashing property taxes on affordable apartments refiled*

*FlaPol: House Infrastructure Strategies Committee hears of complex needs for natural disaster planning*

*Times: Puzzled by new law, Hillsborough eyes cutting the term 'institutional racism' from school policy*

*WLRN: Two DeSantis appointees sworn into Miami-Dade, Broward school boards*

*NBC Miami: DeSantis' Broward School Board Appointee Sworn In, Again, Amid Lawsuit*

*Herald: Miami-Dade School Board welcomes DeSantis appointee, elects vice chair appointed by governor*

*Herald: DeSantis appointee, superintendent foe, sworn into Broward School Board ahead of key vote*

*Sun-Sentinel: With new board member in place, superintendent's firing could be in sight*

*Herald: Suarez calls for end of 'defund police,' cash bail reform at national mayors conference*

*FlaPol: Nassau County looks to Legislature for hand on infrastructure projects*

*Ledger: From funding requests to gun laws to the culture wars, Polk legislators get an earful*

*Herald: Miami-Dade's fight over farming, 'agrihoods' and the Everglades: A look at impacts*

*Herald: When a farm becomes a lifestyle amenity: 'Agrihood' battle brewing in Miami-Dade*

*Herald Tribune: Sarasota School Board begins first steps of superintendent search*

*WUSF: Through freezes and diseases, citrus grower's identity springs from the soil*

*WUSF: Beaches battered by hurricanes to get help in Sarasota, Manatee counties*

*WUSF: Red tide finally receding along the Gulf beaches*

*Democrat: New training program at FAMU geared toward Black entrepreneurs, racial equity*

### **On The Docket This Week**

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023**

##### **Legislature:**

- **SCHOOL CHOICE** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will receive presentations about school choice. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will receive a presentation on sovereign immunity and the claimbill process. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT UPGRADES** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an update from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity about upgrades to the state unemployment system's information technology. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **STATE REVENUE** - Thursday, 11:15 a.m. The House Ways & Means Committee will receive an overview of state revenue. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **PUBLIC COUNSEL POST** - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight will discuss a vacancy created when former Public Counsel Richard Gentry stepped down. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **LOBBYING FIRM AUDITS** - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will receive an overview of audits of lobbying firms' compensation reports. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

##### **Also:**

- **COLLEGE PRESIDENTS HUDDLE** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will . Tallahassee Community College Center for Innovation, 300 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- **DEFENSE ISSUES** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Defense Support Task Force will . Inn on the Lakes, 3101 Golfview Road, Sebring.
- **VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD** - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Valencia College Board of Trustees will . Valencia College, East Campus, 701 North Econlockhatchee Trail, Orlando.
- **HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL** - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Commission on Human Relations will . Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Callin number: 8502706017. Conference ID: 763860473
- **APALACHEE PLANNING COUNCIL** - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Apalachee Regional Planning Council will . Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee.
- **REFUGEE ISSUES** - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Broward Refugee Task Force will . Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS** - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.

- I95 INTERCHANGE - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about plans for a “diverging diamond interchange” at Glades Road and Interstate 95 in Palm Beach County. <https://tinyurl.com/GladesRoadDDIVPM>

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY, 20, 2023**

- PODIATRY BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will .  
- <https://app.goto.com/meeting/571363645?sessionTrackingId=clsJoina257a4bdc4f24937854f0ec579712e85>. Callin number: 18668994679. Code: 571363645
- SPEECHLANGUAGE BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of SpeechLanguage Pathology and Audiology will. <https://app.goto.com/meeting/282225845?sessionTrackingId=clsJoin38d64fd88c6b4081a54553498654bb19>. Callin number: 18668994679. Code: 282225845
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold what is known as an “impact” conference, which typically involves estimating potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TREASURE COAST PLANNING COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council is scheduled to . Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.
- JOBLESS NUMBERS - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a December unemployment report.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will . Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>

### **Important Meeting**

#### **Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th**

**Open for participating entities**



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Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

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