



## ***The Briefing for Tuesday – January 24 – 2023***

*The last Briefing was Monday – January 23 – 2023*

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### ***Small Counties and Small School Districts Share Adopted Legislative Priorities***

As the Legislature moves forward in preparation for the 2023 Legislative Session, House and Senate members are reviewing local priorities and issues that impact their local communities. Make sure to share the following priorities with your House and Senate members. They have been sent copies.

[SSDCC 2023 Legislative Priorities - Adopted - December 1 - 2022\\_.docx](#)

[The Small County Coalition -Adopted 2023 Legislative Program - Nov 30 - 2022.docx](#)

### ***Updated Bills Filed Report***

*394 Bills have been filed to date – 337 are General Bills – 9 are proposed Constitutional amendments*

*In the following report – 50 bills pertain to Education and 45 pertain of Local Government*

*Here's the latest bill report:*

[Bills Filed Pertaining to Education and Local Government -1-24-23.docx](#)

### ***County Commissioners, School Board, and, Superintendents Plan On Being in Tallahassee March 14 – 15***

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### ***Legislators Presented with Legislative Recognitions***

[\(SCC Legislative Recognitions - 2022 .docx\)](#)

The Small County Coalition recognizes Legislators for support to Local Governments and Florida's Small/Rural Communities. This past year, the Coalition identified over 3 dozen House and Senate members to be recognized. During the past three legislative committee weeks – several legislators were presented with their Legislative Appreciation Award. The remaining legislators will be presented recognitions during upcoming legislative meetings and events. Collectively, these individuals were helpful in responding to small county needs; demonstrated understanding of the needs of small counties – sponsoring bills or amendments; assistance with appropriations; and, providing general support throughout the year. All of the recipients have an open door and are important in addressing the needs of the small counties and rural areas.

***Local Officials meet Legislators at the Capitol***



Chuck Clemons



Bobby Payne



Jason Shoaf and Sam Garrison



Stan McClain



Brad Drake



Erin Grall



Ben Albritton



Jim Mooney



Kaylee Tuck



Ana Maria Rodriguez

### **Senate Education K-12 Committee Takes Deep Dive on CTE**

[Committee packet outlining CTE programs and funding](#)

[Link to Video Library to access video of committee meeting](#)

The Senate Education Pre-K -12 met this morning to look at Career Technical Education. The committee received presentations from the Department of Education, Orange County Public Schools, and the Florida FFA on efforts to increase secondary student participation in career and technical education. CTE courses are a priority to be offered in small districts.

### ***Headlines Around the State***

*The Hill: Five policies that hint at DeSantis's 2024 plans*

*Politico: Florida Supreme Court agrees to hear challenge to 15 week abortion law*

*CBS Miami: Florida Supreme Court keeps 15-week abortion limit in place*

*CBS Miami: Florida runs up tab in Medicaid transgender case*

*Times: Florida employee alleges state ignored process to issue transgender Medicaid study*

*The Floridian: Donalds Says Democrats may not Want it, but Debt Ceiling Negotiations Will Happen*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida Democrats see Republican posturing on debt limit as reckless, warn of threat to Social Security and Medicare*

*FlaPol: Greg Steube, sidelined for weeks, reveals further details about severe injuries*

*Democrat: Al Lawson set to go to work as Gadsden County's lobbyist in Tallahassee*

*FlaPol: Francis Suarez to launch 10-city tour with former Donald Trump adviser's crime-fighting coalition*

*DBNJ: Jim Jordan pledges probes of FBI, Afghanistan to Volusia Republicans*

*WUSF: Florida mail-in voters need to apply for new ballots*

*Times: Florida still pushing to make schools safer five years after Parkland shooting*

*WLRN: Florida's Bolsonaristas say they're 'doing God's work.' But is their cause all that holy?*

*WLRN: FPL customers to see a boost in storm and fuel costs*

*The Capitolist: Duke Energy Florida proposes plan to offset costs associated with hurricanes, rising fuel prices*

*Today: Growing frustration in film, TV: Movies 'set' in Florida filmed elsewhere*

*Post: Is mercy killing or euthanasia legal in Florida? Here's what to know*

*News4Jax: Woman who killed ill husband in hospital faces murder charge*

*Ledger: Pastor from Virginia takes lead as bishop of Lakeland-based United Methodist Conference*

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*CBS Miami: US court gives \$153 million to Miami man jailed in Venezuela*

*TCPalm: Destructive Lake O discharges began flowing to St. Lucie River Sunday*

*Herald: After storms, Miami-Dade's low-income residents suffer. New hubs and pods may help*

*WUSF: A Sarasota man is among 4 convicted of seditious conspiracy in the Jan. 6 attack*

*Sentinel: Florida execution set for man in woman's 1990 slaying*

*The Capitolist: University of Florida raises nearly \$5 billion in 'Go Greater' campaign*

*DBNJ: ERAU, UF tied for 1st in last year's US News online rankings. How did they do this year?*

*Politico: DeSantis defends banning African American studies course as Black leaders call for action*

*News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis says Florida rejected AP African-American class due to mentions of 'queer theory,' and 'intersectionality'*

*NBC Miami: Florida's Rejection of AP Black History Course Stirs Debate*

*CBS Miami: Gov. DeSantis calls for teacher pay hikes, takes aim at teacher unions*

*News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis touts new statewide education initiatives at Jacksonville charter school*

*The Capitolist: DeSantis unveils plans for Teachers Bill of Rights with pay boost and restrictions on teacher unions*

*City & State FL: Politics abhors a vacuum: Candidates line up to lead state political parties*

*Herald: Here's what to know about the new Miami-Dade School Board member Gov. DeSantis appointed*

*WUSF: Andrew Warren may still have avenues to become reinstated as Hillsborough State Attorney*

*The Capitolist: Filed amendment would prevent Florida students from accessing social media platforms at school*

*Sun-Sentinel: Just what improvements qualify for Florida's \$10,000 home-hardening grant? Answers aren't always easy to find*

*Bradenton Herald: 'Farewell, classroom library.' Manatee teachers cover their books after new Florida law*

*Times: Florida nursing home workers say they're not getting minimum wage*

*WLRN: Broward school board to vote on superintendent's fate - again*

*Herald: Five things to know ahead of Broward School Board possibly firing superintendent again*

*Sun-Sentinel: State's scathing letter to Broward schools chief could end hopes of keeping her job*

*Herald Tribune: New College officials deny new board member's request for prayer*

*FlaPol: Greater Miami Chamber to honor 'Legislative Champion' Ana Maria Rodriguez*

*News4Jax: Council members appear to be taking sides on antisemitism bill — an issue they say they agree on*

*Sentinel: Dorworth took polygraph test after Joel Greenberg allegations*

*Daily News: Q&A with Leslie Ricciardelli, interim superintendent of Collier County Schools*

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2023**

**Legislature:**

- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an update from the Department of Children and Families about mental-health and substance-abuse funding. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BUDGET REQUESTS: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Department of Economic Opportunity, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Military Affairs, the Department of State and the Division of Emergency Management. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- DERELICT VESSELS: Wednesday, 11 a.m. The House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission about derelict vessels. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DCF: Wednesday, 11 a.m. The House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee will receive an overview of the Department of Children and Families. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCIAL AID: Wednesday, 11 a.m. The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about state financial aid and tuition-assistance programs. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- NEW APPEALS COURT: Wednesday, 11 a.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an update about facilities for the new 6th District Court of Appeal. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- JUSTICE SYSTEM BUDGET: Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the state court system and other agencies and programs. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION BUDGET PANEL: Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will receive an overview. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- LAND BUYING: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about land acquisition. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL LIBRARY MATERIALS: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The House Education Quality Subcommittee will receive presentations about school library materials, including about parental involvement in the selection of materials. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONEY: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Florida Housing Finance Corp. about financing for affordable housing. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DRIVER SAFETY: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will host a panel discussion about driver safety. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE MICHAEL: Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation about the recovery from Hurricane Michael, which hit Northwest Florida in 2018. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BROADER FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE: Wednesday, 4 p.m. The House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 37), filed by Rep. Spencer Roach, R-North Fort Myers, that would expand financial-disclosure requirements for many local officials. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS: Wednesday, 4 p.m. The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview of county health departments. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- WATER QUALITY: Wednesday, 4 p.m. The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will receive an overview from the Department of Environmental Protection about water quality. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- PAROLE CASES: Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Maitland City Hall, 1776 Independence Lane, Maitland.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- REFUGEE ISSUES: Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Southwest Florida Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD: Wednesday, 3 p.m. The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida, Ocala Campus, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023**

**Legislature:**

- VOUCHER EXPANSION: Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1), sponsored by Chairwoman Kaylee Tuck, R-Lake Placid, that would dramatically expand school vouchers in Florida. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONSTRUCTION DEFECTS: Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 85), filed by Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart, that includes shortening a frame for homeowners to file lawsuits involving “latent,” or hidden, construction defects. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- BROADBAND ISSUES: Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Department of Economic Opportunity about broadband. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- IAN IMPACTS: Thursday, 1 p.m. The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will receive a presentation about the impacts of Hurricane Ian on the agriculture industry. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- WINTER SPRINGS AUDIT: Thursday, 1 p.m. The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will consider a request by Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, for the auditor general to conduct an audit of the city of Winter Springs. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD: Thursday, 10 a.m. Central: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- BROADBAND ISSUES: Thursday, 2 p.m. The Florida Association of Counties will start a “Broadband Summit.”: Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.
- TURNPIKE LANES: Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about plans to add auxiliary lanes to Florida’s Turnpike from State Road 821 to Griffin Road in Broward County: Miramar Multi-Service Complex, 6700 Miramar Parkway, Miramar.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023**

- ETHICS COMMISSION: Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Commission on Ethics is slated to take up issues from Manatee and Wakulla counties and the cities of Margate and North Port. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- HOUSING ISSUES: Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Hilton Sandestin, 4000 South Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach.

- REVENUE CAP: Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a “revenue cap limitation.”: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE HELD: Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: Candidates in a special election in Marion County’s House District 24 face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Jan. 20. The special election was called after former Rep. Joe Harding, R-Ocala, resigned after being indicted on federal charges of wire fraud, money laundering and making false statements. Five Republicans are competing in a March 7 primary, with the winner facing a write-in candidate in the May 16 general election.

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