



A Sandwich walks into a Bar and the Bartender says, "Sorry we don't serve food here!"



The Briefing for Friday – February 17 – 2023

The last Briefing was Thursday - February 14 – 2023

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The Quick

This Weeks Focus



Senator Jennifer Bradley – Senate District 6

Consisting of Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Gilchrist, Union counties and part of Alachua county

Committee Assignments - [Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice, Chair; Criminal Justice, Vice Chair; Appropriations; Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Community Affairs; Regulated Industries;](#) and, [Select Committee on Resiliency](#)

This week –

Senator Bradley took the lead this week in questioning the impact of reducing the Save Our Home Cap from 3% to 2% when SB 120 and 122 were discussed in Senate Community Affairs. The financial impact of the proposal is indeterminant at this time, however, her questioning secured a commitment to amend the bill to include an Offset Provision for Fiscally Constrained Counties!

County Commissioners, School Board, and, Superintendents Plan On Being in Tallahassee for events on March 14 – 15

- March 14 – Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception – Sittig Hall by Harry's
- March 15 – Pre-Conference Briefing and lunch– Small School District Council Consortium – Parkview at Cascades just outside the back door of the Host Hotel
- March 15 - 2023 Legislative Day - Florida Association of Counties – FSU Turnbull Center
- March 15-16 - 2023 Legislative Days - Florida School Boards Association – AC Marriott

Local Government Bills that you should look over Click bill number for companion bills and bill information

<u>HB 0037</u>	Financial Disclosures for Local Officers by Roach
<u>SB 0120</u>	Homestead Assessments by Avila
<u>SB 0124</u>	Homestead Exemptions for Persons Age 65 and Older by Avila
<u>HB 0129</u>	Requiring Broader Public Support for Constitutional Amendments or Revisions by Roth
<u>HB 0131</u>	Recall of County Officers and Commissioners by Rudman

SB 0170 **Local Ordinances** by Trumbull
HB 0309 **Tourist Development Taxes** by Shoaf
HB 0401 **Sovereign Immunity** by Beltran
HB 0407 **Apalachicola Bay Area of Critical State Concern** by Shoaf
HB 0413 **Financial Assistance for Rural Areas of Opportunity** by Abbott
HB 0425 **Transportation** by Esposito
HB 0525 **Pub. Rec./Current and Former County and City Attorneys** by Arrington
HB 0543 **Concealed Carry of Weapons and Firearms Without a License** by Brannan III
HB 0627 **Housing** by Busatta Cabrera
SB 0696 **Local Officials** by Ingoglia
SB 0698 **Local Tax Referenda Requirements** by Ingoglia
SB 0740 **Statewide Blue Ribbon Task Force on County Realignment** by Brodeur
HB 0745 **Emergency Communications** by McFarland
HB 0747 **Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Veterans** by Woodson
HB 0765 **Building Permit Applications to Local Governments** by Roth
SB 0798 **Solid Waste Management** by Ingoglia
SB 0820 **Homestead Tax Exemption for Totally and Permanently Disabled Persons** by Rodriguez

Education Bills that should catch your attention!

Ordered by Bill Number

HB 0031 **Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards** by Roach
SB 0052 **Student Use of Social Media Platforms** by Burgess
SB 0084 **Water Safety** by Rodriguez
SB 0094 **Partisan Election of Members of District School Boards** by Gruters
SB 0178 **Upgrades to Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters** by Berman
HB 0181 **Cost-of-Living Adjustment of Retirement Benefits** by Lopez (J)
HB 0193 **Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program** by Nixon
SB 0202 **K-12 Education** by Simon
SB 0212 **Emergency Response Mapping Data** by Collins
HB 0215 **Possession or Use of a Firearm in a Sensitive Location** by Rayner-Goolsby
SB 0342 **Minimum Base Salary for Full-time Classroom Teachers** by Berman
HB 0401 **Sovereign Immunity** by Beltran
HB 0411 **District School Board Elections** by Steele
HB 0457 **Construction of Educational Plant Space** by Abbott
HB 0477 **Term Limits for District School Board Members** by Rizo
HB 0543 **Concealed Carry of Weapons and Firearms Without a License** by Brannan III
SB 0588 **Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits** by Rodriguez
HB 0589 **Task Force on Workforce Housing for Teachers and Expansion of Schools** by Woodson

<u>SB 0636</u>	Individual Education Plans by Simon
<u>HB 0741</u>	Photographic Enforcement of School Bus Safety by Michael
<u>HB 0773</u>	Hernando County School District, Hernando County by Holcomb

Legislative Calendars

House Committee Meeting Calendar for Week Six
Senate Committee Meeting Calendar for Week Six

Watch Committee meetings -
The Florida Channel

Find a committee or a bill –
<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>
<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

Headlines Around the State

WaPo: 'Unfathomable': Florida parents, students blast DeSantis idea to nix APs

WaPo: Alarmed by DeSantis, Black leaders protest and prepare for 2024

FlaPol: Marco Rubio files near-ban on transgender troops

Herald: Upset by military 'wokeness', Rubio proposes bill to ban many trans people from serving

FlaPol: Rick Scott says running for Senate in a Presidential Election year is a 'minus'

The Hill: Trump warns Scott on Social Security, Medicare: 'THERE WILL BE NO CUTS'

Politico: Matt Gaetz had a hell of a month. What's next for the Florida Republican?

Axios: Diversity art too "offensive" for State College of Florida

Herald Tribune: SCF objects to Embracing Our Differences artwork, won't host exhibit

Sun-Sentinel: Broward bets on federal money to reduce pedestrian deaths

FlaPol: Seven members of Congress endorse Christian Ziegler for Florida GOP Chair

FlaPol: Addiction expert urges House members to address technology addiction among school children

Times: Who are the carnival workers at the Florida State Fair?

AP: Florida allows universities to help set up athlete pay deals

FlaPol: Judge tosses challenge to Parental Rights in Education law, derided by critics as 'Don't Say Gay'

AP: Judge tosses challenge to Florida's 'Don't Say Gay' law

AP: Prosecutor suspended by DeSantis asks court to reinstate him

NWF Daily News: State Capitol to have new rules reining in protests ahead of session

FlaPol: Ashley Moody unleashes McGruff the Crime Dog in fentanyl fight

Herald Tribune: What could Corcoran's housing allowance get in Sarasota for rent?

Sentinel: Lawmaker meetings, other public spaces stay gun-free under permitless carry bill

FlaPol: Lauren Book files Death with Dignity Act allowing terminally ill people to self-euthanize

FlaPol: Water quality spending in Gov. DeSantis budget again questioned

FlaPol: Resilient Florida hits \$1B in spending since 2021 inception

FlaPol: State-controlled Disney World government board is ripe for political mischief, expert says

Bradenton Herald: Florida Rep. Steube gives first public talk after fall from roof, ICU visit in Sarasota

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