



## ***The Briefing for Monday – February 27 – 2023***

*The last Briefing was Saturday – February 25 - 2023*

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

### ***Mark Your Calendars***

#### ***Legislative Events Correction***

#### ***March 14 – Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception – 5:30pm-7:30pm***

Sittig Hall on Kleman Plaza – next to Harry's Restaurant –  
Public Parking lot adjacent to venue

#### ***March 15 – Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing and lunch – 11:00am-1:00pm***

Ballroom at Parkview at Cascades – adjacent to patio of the AC Marriott Hotel  
Parking either at hotel lot or public lot across from hotel entrance.

### ***Show me the money!!!!***

#### ***3,100 Local Appropriation Projects Submitted Seeking over \$6 Billion***

Legislators have submitted over 3,100 budget requests seeking over \$6 billion in funding for local projects and programs. Many of the applications overlap between the House and Senate.

- House members have submitted 2,165 budget requests seeking \$4.65 billion.
- Senators have filed 1,001 requests totaling \$1.64 billion.

Here are the word searchable links to the Local Projects that have been submitted:

<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Appropriations/FY2023-24/LocalFundingRequests>

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/AppropriationProjectRequests/2023>

Budget requests will be considered as the House and Senate craft the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year that is likely to exceed \$110 billion.

Governor will get the final say - - Last year, the budget passed by the House and Senate funded 1,221 local projects within the budget - The Governor vetoed - 360 projects linked to proposals by senators and 325 linked to House members.

### ***Let's Make More Laws - Bills Filed For This Session***

#### ***Reports for All Bills/Education Bills/ Local Government Bills***

As of mid-morning – 1131 Bills have been filed – 594 in the Senate/621 in the House.

- [All Bills Filed for 2023 as of 2-27-23.docx](#) – this report provides links to bill numbers and bill titles for all bills filed – the listing is word searchable, and the bill numbers are linked.

- [Education Related Bills filed for 2023 Session as of 2-27-23.docx](#) - this report provides links to bill numbers and bill titles for all bills filed related to Education – the listing is word searchable, and the bill numbers are linked.
- [Local Government Related Bills filed for 2023 Session as of 2-27-23 .docx](#) - this report provides links to bill numbers and bill titles for all bills filed related to Local Government – the listing is word searchable, and the bill numbers are linked.

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

*NBC News: Ron DeSantis' 2024 campaign emerges from the shadows*

*WSJ: Ron DeSantis's Education Policies Leave Florida Teachers Feeling Unsure*

*Times-Union: Florida nonprofits are getting healthy again with pandemic's decline*

*FlaPol: FDLE increasing presence in face of harassment against Jewish communities*

*TCPalm: Florida real estate: Housing inventory increased, but so did home sale prices*

*Today: Hardware forces NASA and SpaceX to scrub launch of Crew-6 from Florida*

*City & State FL: Session preview: Legislature may look at lawyers for pets, Rush Limbaugh tribute, left lane driving*

*Herald Tribune: Richard Corcoran Q&A: New College interim president outlines vision, defends salary*

*Herald Tribune: A New College alum says he worked with DeSantis to help craft takeover*

*Sun-Sentinel: Threatened with suspension, Plantation High School student leads classmates on walkout to protest DeSantis*

*WUSF: State senate proposal bolsters legal challenges to city and county ordinances*

*Sentinel: Proposed sex trafficking legislation could harm victims, advocates warn*

*WUSF: Florida foster kids can face danger when they go missing. Lawmakers are considering a bill to help*

*Axios: Voting begins today for Tampa's pivotal election*

*Sentinel: Florida Democrats elect Fried as party chair after dismal 2022 election*

*AP: Florida Dems pick Fried to lead party after tough midterms*

*FlaPol: Nikki Fried wins race to lead Florida Democrats*

*Herald: What President Jimmy Carter did when he visited Miami and the Keys. See how it looked*

*Sentinel: Port Canaveral enjoys title for world's busiest cruise port, for now*

*WaPo: From Palm Beach to Staten Island, DeSantis makes 2024 moves on Trump's turf*

*Politico: Longtime Trump backers flock to DeSantis event*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis continues to push 'freedom blueprint' but questions about 2024 remain*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis credits 'Rust Belt' values with surviving Ivy League liberalism*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Disney World wedding was 'ironic' choice*

*Herald: JetBlue CEO promises to retain Spirit's South Florida staff, if airline deal gets U.S. clearance*

*Herald: Signs of Everglades recovery emerge. Long way to go but 'trending in the right direction'*

*Herald: It's the \$4 billion 'crown jewel' of Everglades restoration. But will it be enough?*

***On the Docket!***

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY, 27, 2023**

- UNF TRUSTEES - Monday, 8:30 a.m. - The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - University of North Florida, University Center, Jacksonville.
- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Occupational Therapy will meet. - Florida Department of Health, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, -Tallahassee.
- DEFENSE ISSUES DISCUSSED - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Defense Alliance will meet. - Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-alliance-zoom-meeting/>
- U.S. COMMERCE OFFICIALS SPEAK AT FIU - Monday, 11:15 a.m. - Marisa Lago, under secretary of commerce for international trade, and Lisa Wang, assistant secretary of commerce for enforcement and compliance, will speak at Florida International University. - Florida International University, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center, Miami.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

- DESANTIS SPEAKS IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to speak in North Venice. - Information at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-florida-blueprint-ft-special-guest-gov-ron-desantis-north-venice-tickets-551770810347>
- CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. - Guy Harvey Resort, 880 A1A Beach Blvd., St. Augustine Beach.
- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville.
- EDUCATION TRUST FUND - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss an outlook for the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- IAN ISSUES EYED - Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to property taxes and Hurricane Ian. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- GAS RATES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will consider a proposed rate increase by Florida City Gas. - Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- SNYDER SPEAKS TO GOP CLUB - Tuesday, noon. - State Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart, is slated to speak during a meeting of the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches. - Palm Beach Kennel Club, 1111 North Congress Ave., West Palm Beach.
- NEW COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - New College of Florida, Sudakoff Conference Center, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota. <https://www.youtube.com/@NewCollegeof>
- FLKEYS COLLEGE BOARD Meets - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. The College of the Florida Keys, Key West campus, 5901 College Road, Key West. <https://meet.goto.com/388537077>. Code: 388537077. Call-in number: 1-786- 535-3211.
- SUICIDE DETERRENCE DISCUSSED - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Florida First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/first-responder-task-force-meeting>
- POLK STATE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Polk State College, Winter Haven Campus, Center for Public Safety, 1251 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven.
- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota is scheduled to meet. - State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023**

- 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

- EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION MONEY - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION MONEY - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss transportation revenues. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CITIZENS PANEL - Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Consumer Services Committee will meet. - [https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_wSEDciZnSvGkibno-KGiUQ](https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wSEDciZnSvGkibno-KGiUQ). Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 97781432199
- MEDICAID EXPENDITURES - Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to Medicaid expenditures and managed-care rates. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DESANTIS APPEARS IN PALM BEACH - Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to appear at an event hosted by the Palm Beach Republican Club. - Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.

#### **THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023**

- ‘SANCTUARY CITIES’ FIGHT - Thursday, 9 a.m. - A panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments in a battle about a 2019 Florida law that banned so-called sanctuary cities. The state appealed to the Atlanta-based appeals court in 2021 after U.S. District Judge Beth Bloom struck down key parts of the law. Bloom ruled that two parts of the law violated constitutional equal-protection rights, issuing a permanent injunction against them. The law was a priority of Gov. Ron DeSantis and was touted as a way to improve safety in communities. - James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building, 99 N.E. Fourth St., Miami.
- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. - Valencia College, West Campus, 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando. <https://valenciacollege.zoom.us/j/95703457472?pwd=K1YrZkcxS2p5MFZlcXlpT2xVcHFiQT09#success>
- UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up a forecast for the unemployment compensation trust fund. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION BUDGET - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The State Board of Education will meet to approve an amended budget request for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - Information at <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/state-board-of-edu/meetings/2023/2023-03-02/>
- NORTHEAST FLORIDA PANEL - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Northeast Florida Regional Council will meet. - Northeast Florida Regional Council, 100 Festival Park Ave., Jacksonville. <https://nefrfc-org.zoom.us/j/87499770491>. Meeting ID: 87499770491
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.

#### **FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023**

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE - Friday, 1:30 p.m. - The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the state employee health-insurance program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OPTICIAN ISSUES - Friday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Board of Opticianry will meet. - <https://meet.goto.com/451101221>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 451101221
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - Candidates in a special Republican primary election in Marion County’s state House District 24 face a Friday deadline for filing campaign-finance reports. Five Republicans are seeking to replace former Rep. Joe Harding, who resigned from the House after being indicted on federal charges of wire fraud, money laundering and making false statements. The winner of the GOP special primary on March 7 will face write-in candidate Robert “Foxy” Fox in the May 16 general election. No Democrats qualified for the race.

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023**

- EARLY VOTING ENDS IN SPECIAL ELECTION -Early voting will end March 4 in a special Republican primary election in Marion County’s state House District 24. Five Republicans are seeking to replace former Rep. Joe Harding, who resigned from the House after being indicted on federal charges of wire fraud, money laundering and making false statements. The winner of the GOP special primary on March 7 will face write-in

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