



The Briefing for Saturday – February 18 – 2023

The last Briefing was Saturday - February 17 – 2023

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The Quick

Last Week

- Reduction in Save Our Home Cap from 3 to 2 percent moved in Senate committee.
- Recall of County Commissioners moved in House Committee
- Partisan School Board Election Moved in the House
- Reduction of School Board Term Limits from 12 years to 8 years Moved in the House

Next Week Issues to Be Taken Up

- GUN BILL - Monday, 3 p.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee
- CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY' - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The House Judiciary Committee
- SCHOOL VOUCHERS - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee
- GUN SALE INFORMATION - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance
- STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The House Appropriations Committee
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- COMP PLAN CHALLENGES - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The House Local Administration, Federal
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- WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The House Water Quality,
- WORKFORCE HOUSING - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Appropriations Committee
- FISHING ISSUES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
- ABANDONED CEMETERIES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The House Constitutional Rights
- VOUCHER EXPANSION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The House PreK-12 Appropriations
- ORDINANCE CHALLENGES - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee
- RUNNING ON FIELD - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee
- NURSING EDUCATION - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Postsecondary Education

Legislative Calendars

[House Calendar for Final Committee Week](#)

[Senate Calendar for Final Committee Week](#)

Keeping Track of Proposed Legislation

- *Here's a report that should catch your eye! - [Heads up! Bills that should catch your attention!](#)*
- *Bills relating to Local Government - [Local Government Bills Filed for 2023 as of 2-16-23.docx](#)*
- *Bills Relating to Education - [Education Bills Filed for 2023 Session.docx](#)*

Small County Coalition - Legislative Briefing and Reception

Tuesday – March 14 – 5:15– 7:30PM

The Evening Before FAC's Legislative Days

Sittig Hall – Next to Harry's on Kleman Plaza

Parking available at Kleman Plaza Parking Garage

Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing and Lunch

Wednesday – March 15 – 11:00am-1:00pm

Prior to the Registration time for the FSBA Legislative Days

Parkview at Cascades – Directly off the back patio of the AC Marriott

Show Me The Money

Local Appropriation Project Deadlines passed this week

Project submission deadline in the House was Feb. 15

Project Submission deadline in the Senate was Feb. 17.

Over \$300 million Awarded for Resiliency Planning and Projects

- DEP awarded more than \$28 million through [128 planning grants](#) statewide to help local communities prepare for stronger storms, more-intense flooding and rising sea levels through 222 local government vulnerability assessments.
- Earlier this month, the Governor awarded [\\$275 million for 75 resilience projects](#) with funding through Resilient Florida to protect communities from flooding and storm surges.

\$63.5 Million provided to 5 Panhandle Counties hit by Hurricane Sally in 2020

- DEO has announced that \$63.5 million was awarded to five Panhandle counties hit by Hurricane Sally in 2020. Sally's eye made landfall in Alabama but brought hazardous winds and rain to Bay, Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties. The grants are funded by the federal government through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program. The counties will receive:
 - \$13.5 million to restore business and economic activity through the Hometown Revitalization Program,
 - \$5 million for local workforce development boards through the Rebuild Florida Hurricane Sally Workforce Recovery Training Program, and
 - \$45 million to repair or replace damaged homes through the Housing Repair and Replacement Program.

[Click here](#) for more information on Hurricane Sally's grant programs.

On the Docket!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

Legislature:

- SENATE DEMOCRATS HOLD AVAILABILITY - Monday, 9:15 a.m. - Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Plantation, Sen. Jason Pizzo, D-Hollywood, and Sen. Rosalind Osgood, D-Tamarac, will hold a media availability. <https://flsenate.zoom.us/j/91292949936?pwd=aktLdFhNaDhDMURIYtJGSDA1bWloZz09>
- DRISKELL HOLDS AVAILABILITY - Monday, 10 a.m. - House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, will hold a media

availability. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89097837115?pwd=eGprWkxqRElyU0JhWWJ4ckkvZlhrRUT09#success>.

- **SENATE TAKES UP GUN BILL** - Monday, 3 p.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will consider a proposal (SB 150), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that would allow people to carry concealed firearms without licenses. The bill also includes proposals related to school safety. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **TELEHEALTH CHANGE** - Monday, 3 p.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 298), filed by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would allow telehealth to be provided through telephone calls. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- **COURT MONEY** - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze “Article V” revenues, which help fund the court system. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **MEDICAID NUMBERS** - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will update caseloads in the Medicaid program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES** - Monday, 2 p.m. - The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- **TCC TRUSTEES** - Monday, 2:30 p.m. - The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Tallahassee Community College, Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education, 1528 Surgeons Dr., Tallahassee.
- **ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD** - Monday, 3 p.m. - The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Johns River State College, St. Augustine Campus, 2990 College Dr., St. Augustine.
- **EXPRESSWAY PLANS** - Monday, 6 p.m. - The Central Florida Expressway Authority will hold a meeting about State Road 516, a planned expressway in Lake and Orange counties. bit.ly/LakeOrangeExpVPM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Legislature:

- **‘CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY’** - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The House Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (HB 543), filed by Rep. Chuck Brannan, R-Macclenny, and Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, that would allow people to carry concealed weapons without licenses — an idea that supporters call “constitutional carry.” 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL VOUCHERS** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will take up a bill (SB 202), filed by Chairman Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that includes a major expansion of school vouchers. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **LAGOON MONEY** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will consider a proposal (SB 320), filed by Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, that would provide at least \$50 million a year to help clean up the Indian River Lagoon, where poor water quality has contributed to problems such as manatee deaths. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **TRANSPORTATION CHANGES** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a bill (SB 64), filed by Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, that would make a series of changes related to the Department of Transportation. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **GENDER DYSPHORIA** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House Health & Human Services Committee will hold a panel discussion about gender dysphoria and minors. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- MAIL-IN VOTING - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will receive a report from Secretary of State Cord Byrd about voting by mail. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONSTRUCTION LAW CHANGES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (SB 360), filed by Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, that would shorten the time for residents to file lawsuits about “latent” construction defects in their homes. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation from Division of Emergency Management Director Kevin Guthrie. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONDO ISSUES - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will consider a proposal (SB 154), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that involves a series of issues related to condominium associations and buildings. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **GUN SALE INFORMATION** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 214), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would prevent the use of separate codes for credit-card purchases of firearms and ammunition. Supporters say the bill is designed to prevent financial institutions from collecting and monitoring information on Floridians’ firearm and ammunition purchases. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ELECTRIC VEHICLES - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will consider a proposal (SB 284), filed by Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, about issues involving electric vehicles. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The House Appropriations Committee will receive overviews of the Florida Retirement System and the state employees’ health-insurance program. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- ‘NUISANCE’ ALLIGATORS’ - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will start a two-day meeting that will include an overview of a program to address “nuisance” alligators. Marriott Jacksonville, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville.
- LOTTERY NUMBERS - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze lottery revenues. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs Campus, 600 East Klosterman Rd., Tarpon Springs.
- UTILITY GAS RATES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a meeting about a proposal by Florida Public Utilities Co. to raise natural-gas rates. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- SIMPSON SPEAKS TO ECONOMIC CLUB - Tuesday, noon. - Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.

- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, noon. - The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach Gardens Campus, BioScience Building, 3160 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens.
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, noon. - The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. Pasco-Hernando State College, Spring Hill Campus, Rao Musunuru M.D. Conference Center, 450 Beverly Court, Spring Hill. <https://phsc.zoom.us/j/85169210673#success>. Meeting ID: 85169210673.
- COMMUNICATIONS TAX - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss the communications services tax and the gross receipts tax. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CHAMBER BEGINS 'FLY-IN' EVENT - Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. - The Florida Chamber of Commerce will hold the opening session of its annual legislative "fly-in" event. Augustus B. Turnbull Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- SANTA FE COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. Blount Hall, 530 West University Ave., Gainesville.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. - The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, committee meetings and a full board meeting. Information at <https://www.pensacolastate.edu/about-psc/district-board-of-trustees/#1556032552158-960d99dd-ca8c>
- NEW COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5 p.m. - The News College of Florida Board of Trustees <https://ncf.zoom.us/j/95121082869?pwd=OGs3RVJYdTJvcXA0UldBZUMwZTFsZDZ0>. Code: 941760
- EXPRESSWAY PLANS - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The Central Florida Expressway Authority will hold a meeting about State Road 516, a planned expressway in Lake and Orange counties. Horizon High School, 10393 Seidel Road, Winter Garden.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. North Florida College, Student Center, Madison.
- TURNPIKE WIDENING - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold an online meeting about widening a seven-mile stretch of the turnpike in Palm Beach County. Information at www.TurnpikeWPBto704.com
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Legislature:

- PASSIDOMO, RENNER SPEAK AT CHAMBER EVENT - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, and House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, are scheduled to speak during the Florida Chamber of Commerce's annual legislative "fly-in" event. Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson and several lawmakers also are slated to speak during the event. Augustus B. Turnbull Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE - Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. - The House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 143), filed by Rep. Patricia Williams, D-Pompano Beach, that would create a task force to study why children go missing from out-of-home care. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DEFENSE ATTORNEY PROTECTIONS - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 71), filed by Rep. Patt Maney, R-Shalimar,

and Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, that would increase criminal penalties for violent crimes committed against defense attorneys. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- OPIOID SETTLEMENT - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will receive an update about a state legal settlement over the opioid epidemic. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **INDIAN RIVER LAGOON** - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Subcommittee will receive a presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection about the Indian River Lagoon. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **COMP PLAN CHALLENGES** - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 359), filed by Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville, that would allow prevailing parties to recover their attorney fees in legal challenges to comprehensive growth-management plans. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 425), filed by Rep. Tiffany Esposito, R-Fort Myers, and Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, that would make a series of changes related to the Department of Transportation. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will receive a presentation from the Department of Corrections about issues such as hiring and retaining correctional officers. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **AHCA** - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations from the Agency for Health Care Administration. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS** - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will hold a panel discussion about water management districts. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **WORKFORCE HOUSING** - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 102), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would take a series of steps to address housing affordability. The issue is a priority of Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'REVISER' BILLS - Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - The House Rules Committee will take up a series of "reviser" bills. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- **FISHING ISSUES** - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a two-day meeting in Duval County and take up a series of fishing-related issues. Marriott Jacksonville, 4670 Salisbury Road, Jacksonville.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- 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
- CORCORAN CONFIRMATION - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold committee meetings, followed by a full board meeting. The board is expected to confirm the appointment of Richard Corcoran as interim president of New College of Florida. Corcoran is a former state House speaker and education

commissioner. <https://flbog.zoom.us/j/81159917823?pwd=Vnp5TmViR0o4K1N4UnNHZ1U5MUtxUT09>

- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Florida Development Finance Corporation, 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83723980444?pwd=VTFHM2w5bDFIQmc3NS9SU0VNUHg5UT09>. Meeting ID: 83723980444. Code: 035675. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida, Jack Wilkinson Levy Campus, Mann Conference Center, 15390 N.W. Highway 19, Chiefland.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, Plant City Campus, Trinkle Center, 1206 North Park Road, Plant City.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Legislature:

- **ABANDONED CEMETERIES** - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 49), filed by Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, that would create a state Historic Cemeteries Program to provide grants to research, restore and maintain abandoned African American cemeteries. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HEALTH INSURANCE MARKET - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee will receive a briefing from the Office of Insurance Regulation about the insurance market. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **VOUCHER EXPANSION** - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1), sponsored by Rep. Kaylee Tuck, R-Lake Placid, that would dramatically expand school vouchers in Florida. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- KRATOM REGULATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 179), filed by Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, that would place regulations on the sale of a kratom, a Southeast Asia plant used as an herbal medicine. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **ORDINANCE CHALLENGES** - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 170), filed by Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that would make changes involving lawsuits challenging local ordinances. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation from the Department of Transportation about electric-vehicle charging infrastructure. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **RUNNING ON FIELD** - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 319), filed by Rep. Taylor Yarkosky, R-Montverde, that would crack down on fans who run onto the field during sporting events. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **NURSING EDUCATION** - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will receive a presentation about nursing education programs. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- GAINESVILLE AUDIT - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will receive a presentation about an audit of the city of Gainesville. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- HURRICANE HARDENING - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will receive presentations from utility and telecommunications providers about hurricane hardening and recovery efforts. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- TRUST FUNDS - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the State School Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FIU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet after holding a series of committee meetings. Committees start at 9 a.m., with the full board scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.
- HIGHWAY SAFETY MONEY - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze highway-safety revenues. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Transportation Commission will meet. Florida Department of Transportation, Barry Building, 3185 South Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 454216842
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- FEDERAL MEDICAID MONEY - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will update the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage, or FMAP, which helps determine how much federal money Florida receives for the Medicaid program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- KIDCARE SPENDING - Thursday, 1:15 p.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze expenditures in the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program.
117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FGCU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will receive an update about the school's search for a new president. <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast.aspx>
- EXPRESSWAY PLANS - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - The Central Florida Expressway Authority will hold a meeting about State Road 516, a planned expressway in Lake and Orange counties. Clermont Arts & Recreation Center, 3700 South Highway 27, Clermont.
- TURNPIKE WIDENING - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting about widening a seven-mile stretch of the turnpike in Palm Beach County. Palm Beach County Convention Center, 650 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.
- DILLBECK EXECUTION - Thursday, 6 p.m. - Death Row inmate Donald David Dillbeck is scheduled to be executed in the 1990 murder of Faye Vann during a carjacking in a Tallahassee mall parking lot. Florida State Prison, Raiford.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETS - Thursday, 7 p.m. - The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/778856597>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 778856597

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

No Legislative Meetings

Other meetings -

- UCF TRUSTEES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of Central Florida, Live Oak Event Center, Orlando. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQfJD9WL2NQ>
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating the potential costs of legislation.
- 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FSDB TRUSTEES - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- LOBBYING FIRMS SELECTED - Friday, 10 a.m. - Staff members of the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will select lobbying firms whose 2022 compensation reports will be audited. Claude Pepper Building, 111 West Madison St., Tallahassee.
- LONG-TERM CARE - Friday, 10 a.m. - The state Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program’s State Council will meet. <https://ombudsman.elderaffairs.org/quarterlymeeting-schedule/>. Call-in number: 850-792-8943. Code: 223090851
- FSU TRUSTEES - Friday, 11 a.m. - The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. Florida State University, Jim Moran Building, 111 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

- EARLY VOTING STARTS IN SPECIAL ELECTION - Early voting will start Feb. 25 in a special Republican primary election in Marion County’s state House District 24. Early voting will continue through March 4 in advance of the March 7 election. 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 will face write-in candidate Robert “Foxy” Fox in the May 16 general election. No Democrats qualified for the race.
- THOMPSON HOSTS BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT - Saturday, 7 p.m. State Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, will help host a Black History Month event titled, “Resistance and African American History.” Sky Lounge Icon Park, 8375 International Dr., Orlando.

Headlines Around the State

Herald: Under fire, Rick Scott changes plan to exempt Social Security, Medicare from sunseting

AP: Sen. Rick Scott alters policy plan causing heartburn for GOP

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis unveils plan to spend \$200M on opioid abuse prevention, treatment

News Herald: During Destin visit, Gov. Ron DeSantis spells out plan to combat opioid crisis

Ledger: In push to the right, Florida cities and counties become focus for DeSantis and lawmakers

WLRN: College athlete endorsement deals bill is signed into Florida law

FlaPol: Laura Loomer fights changes to resign to run law that would benefit Ron DeSantis

Herald Tribune: New College faculty concerned about draining Foundation to pay president's \$699,000 salary

Times: Florida surgeon general, again questioning COVID vaccines, sends letter to CDC, FDA

Sentinel: CDC says Florida's surgeon general draws wrong conclusions from COVID data in his vaccine warning

Herald: Florida's a battleground but not for votes. It's the civil rights left vs. anti-woke right

Herald: Florida education officials discuss SAT alternative focused on Western tradition

Herald: A few things to know about the classical education model for K-12 schools

WaPo: More states scrutinizing AP Black studies after Florida complaints

WUSF: 'People got screwed.' Despite troubles, green energy lender seeks restart in Florida

Times: Florida Supreme Court refuses to block execution of death row inmate Donald Dillbeck

Sentinel: Florida environment groups celebrate court ruling that state springs protections are lax

FlaPol: Donald Trump denies floating 'Meatball Ron' nickname for Ron DeSantis

The Hill: Haley says DeSantis didn't go 'far enough' with 'Don't Say Gay'

FlaPol: Nikki Fried touts growing endorsements in race to lead Florida Democrats

FlaPol: Annette Taddeo builds up list of DEC endorsements

City & State FL: Florida Democratic Party chair candidates make their case to lead floundering organization

Capitolist: Take no quarter: Florida Democratic Party dissected, criticized in Chair debate

FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Corcoran Partners among Top 10 firms with \$6.6M year

FlaPol: Lobbying compensation: Capital City Consulting neared \$20M in 2022

FlaPol: Shawn Frost commits \$335K worth of consulting services for GOP outreach

Herald: Doral trash fire still burns as schools close early, residents told to stay indoors

WLRN: It's a heartache: Disney brings same contract proposal to the table after unions vote no

Sentinel: Orlando FreeFall operator to pay \$250K fine to Florida following Tyre Sampson death

Post: UF campus in West Palm stalls, and one developer stands in its way

Ledger: Lakeland man fights county's plans for generator in yard

My News 13: Palm Bay Councilman Filiberto resigns in wake of arrest

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is prepared almost daily by Chris Doolin

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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

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