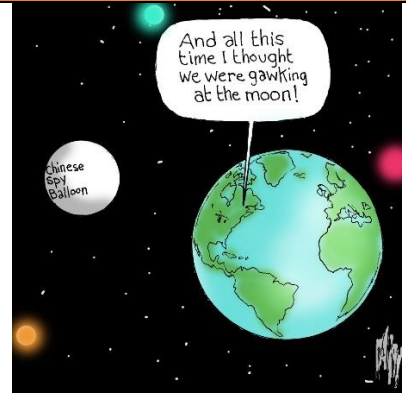




A Hot-Air Balloon floated up to an outdoor bar. Bartender asked if the balloon wanted a “shot!”



The Briefing for Thursday – February 16 – 2023

The last Briefing was Tuesday - February 14 – 2023

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

The Quick

Check these websites for the latest updates.

www.smallcountycoalition.org

www.ssdcc.org

Florida Legislature Wraps up Week 6 of 7 of Pre-Session Committee meetings

Week 6 is in the books - 1 week left of pre-session preparation.

What's getting attention?

Appropriation Projects – Submission Deadline Passed Tuesday

Targeted Homestead Exemptions for First Responders and Seniors

Partisan School Board Elections – moved through House Committee

Reduction of School Board Term-limit from 12 years to 8 years – moved through committee

A variety of Agencies presented budget requests.

Resiliency remains a top issue.

Revision of Save Our Homes Cap from 3% to 2% growth – Commitments were made in committee to amend the bill to include an Offset for Fiscally Constrained counties.

A proposed Constitutional Amendment authorizing Recall of County Commissioners passed House committee.

Presentations regarding the Florida Education Funding Program

Bills Filed as of this afternoon

Total Bills – 898

Senate Bills – 432

House Bills - 466

Bills Reports

These reports are word searchable

[Local Government Bills Filed for 2023 as of 2-16-23.docx](#)

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

The following bills should get your attention –

SB 0740 Statewide Blue Ribbon Task Force on County Realignment by Brodeur

Statewide Blue Ribbon Task Force on County Realignment; Creating the Statewide Blue Ribbon Task Force on County Realignment within the Department of Economic Opportunity; requiring the task force to evaluate and consider specified items; requiring the department to provide administrative and technical support; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a certain date, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

SB 0696 Local Officials by Ingoglia

Local Officials; Providing that the employment contract for a county administrator is not to be renewed, extended, or renegotiated during a specified timeframe; providing that the employment contract for a county attorney is not to be renewed, extended, or renegotiated during a specified timeframe; providing that the employment contracts for a chief executive officer of a municipality and a municipal attorney are not to be renewed, extended, or renegotiated during a specified timeframe; providing that a district school superintendent's employment contract with the district school board is not to be renewed, extended, or renegotiated during a specified timeframe; providing that the employment contract of an attorney employed by a district school board is not to be renewed, extended, or renegotiated during a specified timeframe, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

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

FlaPol: New generation of GOP leadership? Ron DeSantis says Florida offers 'blueprint for success'

FlaPol: Donald Trump says Ron DeSantis would be 'dead in politics' without him

The Hill: Christie on potential DeSantis White House bid: 'None of us really know who he is' on national stage

The Hill: Palin on 2024 race: DeSantis should 'stay governor'

NYTimes: Defending Plan to Re-evaluate Social Security, Rick Scott Fuels G.O.P. Feud

FlaPol: Club for Growth sides with Rick Scott, but Donald Trump's not happy

Politico: Black leaders rally in Tallahassee against Florida's denial of race studies course

My News 13: Rev. Al Sharpton leads protest over Florida ban of Black history course

WLRN: Black lawmakers, religious leaders march on Florida Capitol over AP course

Yahoo News: Rev. Al Sharpton, Black leaders rally against Florida Gov. DeSantis: 'You're wrong to mess with Black history'

The Floridian: Donalds Introduces Bipartisan Combat Harmful Algal Blooms Act

FlaPol: REEF Act makes a splash with sportfishing groups

CBS Miami: Florida tourism hits record number in 2022

Times: Florida struggles with middle schools. One district is working on a solution

Sun-Sentinel: Judge sides with Florida's move to deny medical marijuana license to family of deceased Black farmer

Sun-Sentinel: Stoneman Douglas locked down for 2 hours a day after somber anniversary

Axios: Feds join Polk County task force to stop rise in shootings

WLRN: Hurricanes Ian and Nicole left devastating flooding in Central Florida. Will it happen again?

Democrat: Tallahassee International Airport lands JetBlue. Here's where they will be flying.

Sun-Sentinel: High-income renter households skyrocket in South Florida

Sentinel: Orlando home sales fall to lowest point since 2009, report says

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs hurricane response, migrant transportation, election prosecutor bills

Bradenton Herald: DeSantis signs relocation bill, shifting migrant program to Emergency Management

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis maintains migrant flights have increased illegal immigration awareness

Sentinel: New College turmoil: 'I kept praying that DeSantis would never find out about it. But he did.'

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis digital crackdown plan includes TikTok ban at schools

Sentinel: DeSantis proposes to ban TikTok on government devices and university and public school internets

The Capitolist: DeSantis introduces digital bill of rights proposal

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis defends Florida's DEI flip-flop

Democrat: Days before Florida lawmakers gather, new protest limits are set. Here's what to know

Herald Tribune: Florida Legislature approves \$15 million for DeSantis' New College transformation plan

Sentinel: Corcoran's New College appointment lined up for final OK next week

The Floridian: Lauren Book Introduces Legislation to Strike Down 'Free Kill' Law

My News 13: Florida workers union reaches rare, tentative agreement with state management

WUSF: More middle-income Florida households are facing food insecurity

FlaPol: Conservative School Board members relaunch coalition

WLRN: Book deemed pornographic by DeSantis administration is removed from Broward high schools

Sun-Sentinel: Broward high schools remove book reported by parents' group and labeled by DeSantis administration as pornographic

Sentinel: Sex books DeSantis' crew cited were already gone from Orange, Seminole schools

The Capitolist: House bill targets later school start times

FlaPol: Miami-Dade lawmakers file bills adding guardrails to lender-placed property insurance

Sentinel: Lawmakers consider more lucrative Save Our Homes tax cap

CBS Miami: Broward School Board votes to hire interim Superintendent Dr. Earlean Smiley

Sun-Sentinel: Earlean Smiley vows to address safety, academics as new Broward schools leader

Herald: New Broward schools leader receives \$300K salary and a mandate to fix a 'hot mess'

FlaPol: LeAnna Cumber tells supporters 'wide open' Jax mayoral race is 'up for grabs'

Bradenton Herald: Manatee County moves forward with new 'gun sanctuary' policy on Parkland anniversary

Democrat: As Leon County Schools superintendent faces DOE investigation, teachers, unions offer support

PNJ: A neglected cemetery, a ghost town, and one man's mission to help preserve Muscogee's past

Democrat: 'A tremendous loss': Florida A&M University Trustee Thomas 'Tommy' Dortch Jr. dies

WUSF: Red tide is still being found at the mouth of Tampa Bay and Sarasota beaches

On The Docket for Next Week

Scan the docket for high impact issues

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

- HURRICANE LOSS PANEL- Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Hurricane Loss Projection Methodology will meet. - 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7309563625773076827>. Call-in number: 1-562-247-8422. Code: 781187747.
- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE- Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves analyzing potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS- Friday, 10 a.m. - The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet. - Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- FINANCIAL AID- Friday, 2 p.m. - The Education Estimating Conference will analyze student financial aid. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

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