

The Briefing for Tuesday – February 7 – 2023

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Program Funding Issues

Although the Governor's Budget Request is a recommendation by the Florida Legislature, an initial review highlights three areas that raise concern for small and fiscally constrained counties.

Here are a few of the items of concern-

- A \$40 million reduction in total funding for the SCOP and SCRAP programs.
- The Sheriff Deputy Salary Allocation was funded at \$15,047,787 in 22-23 was not included for 23-24.
- State Aid to Libraries was recommended for a \$2,000,000 reduction in the Governor's Budget. We have communicated these concerns to the members of the House and Senate requesting that the programs be funded at or above current year levels.

Bills Up This Week Ordered by Bill Number

SB 0052	Required Instruction in Public Schools by Burgess
<u>SB 0102</u>	Housing by Calatayud
<u>SB 0170</u>	Local Ordinances by Trumbull
SB 0178	Upgrades to Education Facilities as Emergency Shelters by Berman
<u>SB 0190</u>	Interscholastic Extracurricular Activities by Grall
<u>SB 0200</u>	Intercollegiate Athlete Compensation and Rights by Hutson
SB 0212	Emergency Response Mapping Data by Collins
SB 0274	Nursing Education Pathway for Military Combat Medics by Avila
<u>HB 0401</u>	Sovereign Immunity by Beltran
HB 0543	Concealed Carry of Weapons and Firearms Without a License by Brannan III

Bills relating to Special Districts added to the bills initially filed for Special Session 2023B

Ordered by Bill Number Bill number is linked to analysis and text of bill

HB 0009B	Reedy Creek Improvement District, Orange and Osceola Counties by Hawkins
HB 0011B	Sunshine Water Control District, Broward County by Daley
HB 0013B	Eastpoint Water and Sewer District, Franklin County by Shoaf

Headlines Around the State

Democrat: Gov. Ron DeSantis has faced legal setbacks on high-profile moves Times: As DeSantis alters Black history in schools, critics say key chapters are lost Herald: Florida's struggle to teach Black history has become a battle over who controls the past The Capitolist: The party rolls on: chair election sets the stage for future of the Florida Democratic Party Sun-Sentinel: These South Floridians will attend Biden's State of the Union address Bradenton Herald: President Joe Biden is visiting Tampa, Florida this week. Here's what we know Democrat: A breakdown of Florida's state workforce, which remains smallest per capita in the nation Herald: Her fetus had a fatal birth defect. She had to fly out of Florida for an abortion Times-Union: UF President Ben Sasse to announce university's new plans in Jacksonville on Tuesday Sun: UF students, faculty welcome new President Ben Sasse to campus with protest, demands Times: It's Ben Sasse's first day as UF president. Here's what he's saying. FlaPol: Industry group seeks more time on Surfside-inspired condo inspection law News4Jax: Duval Democratic Party chairman weighs in on DNC's new primary calendar Sun-Sentinel: 'We were scared': Election workers recall 2018 Broward protest that's now under federal review WUSF: A Florida neo-Nazi leader conspired to attack Baltimore's power grid, officials say Herald Tribune: Fentanyl continues to kill in Sarasota-Manatee as Florida deaths rise Sun-Sentinel: Hollywood nursing home deaths in sweltering heat after hurricane portrayed as a tragedy and a

FlaPol: Florida gas prices sink 7 cents after sharp drop in oil futures markets

Times: 'Let's violate the world.' State seeks death for Steven Lorenzo in 2 Tampa murders

NBC Miami: Miami International Airport Is Florida's Busiest Airport, Reports Record-Shattering Year

TCPalm: Shark attacks: Florida researchers release 2022 statistics on shark bites and deaths

Sentinel: Sanford pushes state to investigate Seminole water well contamination

FlaPol: New effort providing four-legged support launched in honor of MSD victim

Politico: Florida Republicans help DeSantis clean up legal and political dilemmas

Sentinel: Special session is all about cleaning up DeSantis' stunts, Democrats say

WUSF: A special session proposal would give DeSantis control over the Reedy Creek district

The Capitolist: Reedy Creek Improvement District bill details new name, Board of Supervisor appointment changes

FlaPol: Fred Hawkins says Disney district replacement won't shift debt burden

Sentinel: Meet the man in charge of DeSantis' voter fraud cases

The Capitolist: Laura DiBella becomes first female Secretary of Commerce in the state's history, appointed as
Enterprise Florida CEO and President

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis predicts Florida will soon have a new Insurance Commissioner

CBS Miami: Florida lawmakers back bill setting stage for more migrant flights

FlaPol: House advances Hurricane Ian aid, immigrant removal bills in Special Session

Herald Tribune: DeSantis ally Richard Corcoran's New College contract up for vote

The Capitolist: House Democrats oppose permit-less carry bill ahead of special session

Times: What Florida's latest name, image and likeness bill would repeal

ABC News: Florida schools directed to cover or remove classroom books that are not vetted

Times: Florida schools vary in approach to book challenges

WLRN: Censorship fears deepen as Broward teacher told to 'cover and close all classroom libraries'

WUSF: She's speaking out against book bans, as Sarasota considers removing a book on racism

Post: Under pressure from state officials, PBC schools revise equity policy

Sun-Sentinel: State goes after Orlando venue that hosted drag show. Will Fort Lauderdale be next?

News4Jax: Cumber on political ads: 'The only candidate's family that is under attack is mine'

FlaPol: Weeks before Jacksonville election, mayoral candidate LeAnna Cumber's campaign manager resigns

FlaPol: Jacksonville City Council's JEA special committee restarts Wednesday, will investigate mayoral candidate

FlaPol: Raemi Eagle-Glenn launches bid to succeed Chuck Clemons in HD 22

FlaPol: Trump defense lawyer Lazaro Fields files to run for HD 23, vows to fight 'leftist-woke ideology'

Sun-Sentinel: Earlean Smiley gains more support for Broward interim superintendent job

FlaPol: Lawmakers will again weigh paying \$10M to Broward deputy who survived avoidable shooting

<u>On The Docket This Week</u> <u>Meetings On The Docket - Week of Feb 6-10.docx</u>

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Legislature:

- HOUSE EYES DESANTIS BUDGET Tuesday, 9 a.m. The House Appropriations Committee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will consider a bill (SB 52), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would require the state Department of Education to make "social media safety" instructional materials available online 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRAIL NETWORK MONEY Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a proposal (SB 106), filed by Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, that, in part, would provide

- \$200 million for the Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HEALTH BUDGET The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPRINGS PROTECTION Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will receive an overview of efforts to protect and restore springs. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DESANTIS BUDGET PROPOSAL Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Appropriations Committee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget proposal for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- IMMIGRATION, EMERGENCY BILLS Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee is expected to take up bills filed for the special legislative session that deal with undocumented immigrants, hurricane recovery and the statewide prosecutor. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- VOUCHER PROGRAMS Tuesday, 2 p.m. The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an overview of the state's school-voucher programs. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONSTRUCTION LAW CHANGES Tuesday, 2 p.m. The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 85), filed by Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart, that would shorten the time for residents to file lawsuits about "latent" construction defects in their homes. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY' Tuesday, 2 p.m. The House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee 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." 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- LACTATION SPACES Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a bill (SB 144), filed by Sen. Lori Berman, D-Delray Beach, that would require county courthouses to have dedicated lactation spaces. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPACE FORCE Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation about the United States Space Force. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONDO SAFETY Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will receive presentations about a bill (SB 4-D) that passed during a May special legislative session to bolster the safety of condominium buildings. The bill came after the deadly collapse of a condominium building in Surfside. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE SPECIAL ORDER SET Tuesday, 15 minutes after other Senate meetings are complete. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar that will list bills to be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- FAMILY 'WELL-BEING' PANEL Tuesday, 10 a.m. The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. Information at https://www.myflfamilies.com/
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Broward College, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, 3501 S.W. Davie Road, Building 19, Davie.

- REFUGEE ISSUES Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at https://www.myflfamilies.com/
- I-295 WIDENING Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will an online meeting about a project to widen Interstate 295 in Duval County from north of Heckscher Drive to Pulaski Road. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/22594925215858783
- SASSE SPEAKS IN VOLUSIA COUNTY Tuesday, 6 p.m. New University of Florida President Ben Sasse is scheduled to speak during a Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort, 100 North Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Legislature:

- NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- GRADUATION RATE Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Education Quality Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Department of Education about graduation options and the state's graduation rate. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LEE HEALTH SYSTEM CHANGES Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 227), filed by Rep. Adam Botana, R-Bonita Springs, that could lead to a series of changes involving Lee Memorial Health System In Lee County. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSIT AUTHORITY DISSOLUTION Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 155), filed by Rep. Jeff Holcomb, R-Spring Hill, that would lead to the dissolution of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'CAT FUND' Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will receive a presentation about the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- WORKFORCE HOUSING Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 102), filed by Chairwoman 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. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MILITARY MEDICS Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 274), filed by Sen. Bryan Avila, R-Miami Springs, aimed at creating a pathway to help military combat medics become nurses in the state. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CITRUS INDUSTRY Wednesday, 11:30 a.m The House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Department of Citrus about the state of the citrus industry, which has seen a sharp drop in production. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- MENTAL HEALTH REPORT Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee will receive a presentation about an interim report by the state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- HIGHER ED BUDGET Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- JUSTICE SYSTEM BUDGET Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Senate will a floor session and is expected to take up bills filed for the special legislative session that deal with undocumented immigrants, hurricane recovery and the statewide prosecutor. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE Wednesday, 2 p.m. The House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to meet as part of the special session. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Wednesday, 2 p.m. The House State Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet as part of the special session. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE Wednesday, 2 p.m. The House Education & Employment Committee is scheduled to meet as part of the special session. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE Wednesday, 7 p.m. The House Rules Committee is scheduled to meet as part of the special session. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- FPL RATES Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including consolidated challenges to a 2021 settlement that increased base electric rates for Florida Power & Light. The Florida Public Service Commission approved the settlement, which covers base rates over four years. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- UTILITY ISSUES Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- GAMBLING ISSUES Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Florida State University College of Law, 425 West Jefferson St., Tallahassee.
- 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
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - DeSoto County Administration Building, 201 East Oak St., Arcadia.
- REFUGEE ISSUES Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at https://www.myflfamilies.com/
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The Emerald Coast Regional Council will a board meeting. Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Dr., DeFuniak Springs.
- CITRUS ESTIMATES UPDATED Wednesday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update its forecast for the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. - Call-in number: 1-855-384-4184. Code: 6486013
- ENGINEERS BOARD Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers will meet. Hyatt Place Orlando Airport, 5434 Forbes Place, Orlando.
- 'TANF' NUMBERS TALLIED Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze caseloads and expenditures in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- I-4 INTERCHANGE Wednesday, 5 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will a meeting on plans at the interchange of Interstate 4 and Apopka-Vineland Road in Orange County. Floridays Resort Orlando, 12562 International Dr., Orlando.
- CAUSEWAY STUDY Wednesday, 6 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will a
 meeting to discuss a project-development and environmental study about an Interstate 195/State
 Road 112/Julia Tuttle Causeway project in Miami-Dade County. Miami Beach Golf Club, 2301
 Alton Road, Miami Beach.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Legislature:

- RESILIENCY OFFICER Thursday, 8:30 p.m. The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation by Wesley Brooks, the state's chief resiliency officer. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DEFENSE ATTORNEY PROTECTIONS Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Criminal Justice 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. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- MUNICIPAL UTILITIES Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will a workshop about service provided by municipal utilities outside city boundaries. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- WORKFORCE ISSUES Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the REACH office about workforce issues. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TECHNOLOGY BUDGET Thursday, 9 a.m. The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE SPECIAL ORDER SET Thursday, 15 minutes after the Senate Select Committee on Resiliency meeting. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar that will list bills to be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL START TIMES Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will receive presentations about school start times and adolescent sleep. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- RENTAL FEES Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 133), filed by Rep. Jim Mooney, R-Islamorada, that would allow landlords to collect monthly fees instead of security deposits from renters. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LATE DEPUTY COULD BE HONORED Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 63), filed by Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Pete Beach, that would honor Pinellas County Sheriff's Deputy Michael Hartwick, who was killed in the line of duty in September. The bill would name a portion of Interstate 275 as "Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick Memorial Highway." 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION Thursday, 2 p.m. The House is scheduled to a floor session as part of the special legislative session. House chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE Thursday, 8:30 p.m. The House Rules Committee is scheduled to meet as part of the special session. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- BIDEN APPEARS IN TAMPA President Joe Biden is expected to appear in Tampa to discuss issues such as Social Security and Medicare. The White House did not immediately release full details.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD Thursday, 1 p.m. Central time. The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - Bascom School House, 4969 Basswood Road, Bascom.
- NATIONAL ECONOMY Thursday, 3 p.m. The Economic Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the national economy. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- I-295 WIDENING Thursday, 4:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will an
 open house and presentation about a project to widen Interstate 295 in Duval County from north
 of Heckscher Drive to Pulaski Road. Oceanway Community Center, 12215 Sago Ave.,
 Jacksonville.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES MEET Thursday, 5 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023

Legislature:

- SENATE RULES COMMITTEE Friday, 9 a.m. The Senate Rules Committee will consider bills filed for the special legislative session. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION Friday, 10 a.m. The House is scheduled to a floor session as part of the special legislative session. House chamber, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION Friday, 1 p.m. The Senate is scheduled to a floor session to take up bills filed for the special legislative session.
- - Senate chamber, the Capitol.

Also:

- LAND CONSERVATION Friday, 9 a.m. The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will meet. Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd.,
 Tallahassee. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/240496606129808470
- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE HELD Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will an "impact" conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OPTOMETRY ISSUES Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. https://meet.goto.com/621041269
- FLORIDA DEMOGRAPHICS ANALYZED Friday, 1:30 p.m. The Demographic Estimating Conference will update a state demographic forecast. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Jan. 31.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

• LAURA BUSH IN FLORIDA - Saturday, 4 p.m. - Former First Lady Laura Bush is scheduled to speak during an event at Florida Atlantic University. - Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Campus, Carole and Barry Kaye Auditorium, Boca Raton.

About the Briefing!

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