



The Briefing for Wednesday – February 22 – 2023

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The Quick

Doolin to Speak at North Central Regional Planning Council

Chris Doolin, Legislative consultant to the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium, will be speaking to the North Central Regional Planning Council Board of Directors meeting being held Thursday evening in Lake City. NCRPC generally invites Doolin to provide a pre-legislation update and a post-session report at the conclusion of the Legislative Session. But for Alachua County, the NCRPC membership are all members of the Small County Coalition. www.smallcountycoalition.org

Senate Proposal SB1110 Calls for County Commissioner Term-limits

[Text of Proposed Term-limit Bill – Senate Bill 1110](#)

Late Wednesday afternoon, Senator Blaise Ingoglia filed SB 1110 proposing to set term limits for county commissioners. The bill also includes a provision reducing the recently adopted 12 year term limit for school board members back to 8 years. The House companion bill (HB 477) does not include the provision dealing with county commissioner term limits but expect that an amendment will be filed as the House bill moves along through the process. Here's what SB 1110 states regarding Term limits of county commissioners ***–a person may not appear on the ballot for reelection to the office of county commissioner if, by the end of his or her current term of office, the person will have served, or but for resignation would have served, in that office for 8 consecutive years. Service of a term of office which commenced before November 8, 2022, will not be counted toward the limitation imposed by this section.*** The bill further states that the legislation supersedes any term limits imposed by a county charter.

Affordable Housing Legislation Ready for Senate Floor Action

[Link to Bill Information on SB 102](#)

The Senate Appropriations Committee approved SB 102, a bill called the “Live Local Act.” The bill is a wide ranging bill that includes incentives for private investment in affordable housing. The legislation encourages mixed-use development in struggling commercial areas, preempts local-government rules on density and building heights in certain circumstances and bars local rent controls. The bill provides \$711 million proposal intended to make housing more affordable for working Floridians. The bill provides \$252 million for the State Housing Initiatives Partnership, or SHIP, program and an additional \$100 million for the Hometown Heroes program, which is designed to help teachers, health-care workers and police officers buy homes. There is also an additional \$362.7 million for affordable housing that was

included in the state budget. The full Senate is expected to take up the measure during the first week of the legislative session.

CareerSource Board of Directors to Consider Realigning and Reducing Workforce Boards
Future State Options Report Prepared for CareerSource Florida as a part of Phase Two of the Local Workforce Development Board Alignment Evaluation

The Board of Directors for CareerSource will meet Thursday morning in Tallahassee. One of the items on the agenda is to consider a report from CareerSource Consultants Ernst & Young LLP (“EY”). The Board will be presented with three options regarding the 24 workforce areas. 1 option will realign and reduce the number of board to 21. A second option would move to 19 local boards, and, the third option would reduced the number of boards to 16. The initiative is part of a requirement of the REACH Act passed in 2021. The REACH Act directed a reduction of the number of local workforce development boards for the purpose of:

- Eliminating multiple layers of administrative entities to improve coordination of the workforce development system.
- Establishing consistent eligibility standards across the state to improve the accountability of workforce related programs.
- Providing greater flexibility in the allocation of resources to maximize funds directed to training and business services.

Jefferson County Officials Are Expressing Concerns with Realignment Proposal

As of Tuesday, representatives of Jefferson County Commission, the school district, and the City of Monticello were expressing concerns that all of the realignment options move the county from their current workforce board. It is anticipated that representatives from the county will request that the CareerSource Board allow Jefferson county to stay in their current region.

On the Docket!

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

FlaPol: Donald Trump says Florida was 'GREAT' before Ron DeSantis 'got there'

The Hill: Ex-Trump ambassador endorses DeSantis: 'The name-calling has turned a lot of people off'

The Floridian: DeSantis and Trump: Is Florida Big Enough for the Two of Them?

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis' name brought up in celebrity wedding lawsuit

WUSF: A Florida voting rights group is nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize

Times: Florida elections officials ask lawmakers not to make voting changes before 2024

Fox News: DeSantis unveils 2024 school board target list to block 'woke' ideology from Florida classrooms

Times: DeSantis pushes new Florida death penalty standards as execution looms

FlaPol: Amid Gov. DeSantis tough-on-crime tour, police union asks state to pay deputy hurt in avoidable shooting

WUSF: Lawmakers advance permitless carry for a full Florida House vote

Herald: Pro-gun and anti-gun groups don't like permitless carry bill Florida is considering

City & State FL: Session preview: Housing, education, cultural battles atop conservative agenda in Florida

Democrat: School choice bill advances in Florida Senate with a promise of changes to come

WUSF: A universal voucher bill gets Senate support as opponents laud its public school changes

CBS Miami: Florida lawmakers look again at condo safety requirements

WUSF: A proposal would permit Floridians to grow their own medical marijuana

FlaPol: Florida Chamber targets lawsuit abuse, housing costs, school choice in 2023 agenda

The Capitolist: Florida Chamber of Commerce kicks off Legislative Fly-In event with list of legislative priorities

FlaPol: Tort reform and tax cuts top AIF's 2023 wish list

News-Press: FWC chair: Florida black bear hunt 'on the table' with presentation in the near future

TCPalm: Alligators can be found in every Florida county. What are the chances of being bitten?

Herald: Here's a guide to prevent rare but fatal alligator attacks in Florida

About the Briefing!

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