



## ***The Briefing for Saturday – March 11 - 2023***

**Day 5 Of the 60 day Legislative Session – 55 Days til Sine Die!**

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### **The Quick**

#### **Week 1 in the Books!**

The 2023 kicked off with a bang! Speeches by the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House gave a picture of what to expect. For the most part all three speeches signal several common themes. Here is a listing of the major issues to expect from the 2023 Session:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Affordable Housing</li><li>• Expanding School Choice to provide a voucher to all kids</li><li>• Hurricane recovery</li><li>• Tax cuts</li><li>• TORT reform</li><li>• Advancing infrastructure projects</li><li>• Expanding Florida's wildlife corridor</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focusing career and technical education on work-based learning opportunities linked to local employment</li><li>• appropriate school start times</li><li>• codifying the constitutional right of citizens to keep and bear arms</li><li>• Addressing long-term needs in water supply and water treatment</li></ul>
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**Here's a detailed report on the bills that during week 1.**

***[Bill That Saw Action in Week 1.docx](#)***

#### **Week 2 will move major issues!**

***[Bills Scheduled for Action in Week 2 .docx](#)***

Issues on the table in Week 2 will be proposals relating to Guns. Diversity, equity and inclusion programs. Transgender teens. Defamation. School board elections. Lawsuit limits. That's just Monday and Tuesday. Check the Calendar links below for full details on scheduled meetings.

***[The Full Senate has Floor Sessions scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday](#)***

***[The Full House has Floor Sessions scheduled for Thursday and Friday](#)***

### **Legislative Calendars**

***[House of Representatives Calendar for Week 2](#)***

## *Florida Senate Calendar for Week 2*

### *Links to Monitor the Legislative Session*

*[Link to the Florida Senate](#)*

*[Link the Florida House of Representatives](#)*

### *On the Docket*

**MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**

#### **Legislature:**

- CITY AUDITS - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will consider requests for the auditor general to conduct audits of Delray Beach, White Springs and North Miami Beach. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- IMPASSE ISSUES - Monday, 12:30 p.m. - The Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining will hold a hearing on issues at impasse with unions. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LGBTQ ISSUES - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The group Equality Florida will hold a news conference to criticize Gov. Ron DeSantis on LGBTQ issues. Sen. Shevrin Jones, D-Miami Gardens, Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, and Rep. Michele Rayner-Goolsby, D-St. Petersburg, are expected to take part. Fourth-floor rotunda, the Capitol.
- GUN-BUYING AGE - Monday, 3 p.m. - The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1543), filed by Rep. Bobby Payne, R-Palatka, and Rep. Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, that would lower the minimum age from 21 to 18 to buy rifles and other long guns. The bill would reverse a change passed after the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- GAS STOVE PREEMPTION - Monday, 3 p.m. - The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1281), filed by Rep. James Buchanan, R-Osprey, that would prevent local governments from restricting the use of gas stoves or other appliances. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DIVERSITY, TENURE - Monday, 3 p.m. - The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 999), filed by Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, that would make wide-ranging changes in the higher-education system. For example, the bill would prevent colleges and universities from spending money on diversity, equity and inclusion programs and would allow university boards of trustees to review faculty members' tenure. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up a bill (SB 904), filed by Sen. Geraldine Thompson, D-Windermere, that would make a series of changes aimed at bolstering the safety of amusement rides, after a 14-year-old boy was killed last year in Orlando. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TECH ISSUES - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will consider a proposal (SB 262), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would address a series of technology issues, including consumer data privacy. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **PRIVATE PRISONS** - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will take up a bill (SPB 7016) that would shift oversight of privately run prisons from the Department of Management Services to the Department of Corrections. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will consider a proposal (SB 254), filed by Sen. Clay Yarbrough, R-Jacksonville, that includes

preventing doctors from providing treatments such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy to transgender minors. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Monday, 15 minutes after committee meetings end - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RULES COMMITTEE - Monday, 6:15 p.m. - The House Rules Committee will meet to set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the House floor. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- GENERAL REVENUE - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will update projections of state general revenue, which plays a key role in funding schools, health care and prisons. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- INSURANCE COMMISSIONER- Monday, 9:30 a.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Florida Cabinet will appoint an insurance commissioner. DeSantis last month nominated Michael Yaworsky, who began serving on an interim basis until DeSantis and the Cabinet could meet in their role as the state Financial Services Commission. Also, DeSantis and the Cabinet will consider spending nearly \$19 million to preserve 4,222 acres in Osceola County and 1,506 acres in Santa Rosa County Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol. DeSantis and Cabinet members will participate by phone.
- JOBLESS NUMBERS - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is scheduled to release a January unemployment report.
- SPACE ISSUES - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. Call-in Number: 1-855-758-1310. Meeting ID: 6277636389. Code: 567768

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

**Legislature:**

- AUTOPSY REPORTS- Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 273), filed by Rep. Chuck Clemons, R-Newberry, that would create a public-records exemption for autopsy reports of minors whose deaths were related to domestic violence. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PATERNITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 1146), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that would make changes related to paternity and parental responsibility. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CHILD CARE FACILITIES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will consider a proposal (SB 990), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would make a series of changes related to child-care and early-learning providers. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- VENOMOUS REPTILES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will take up a bill (SB 1266), filed by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, that addresses penalties for people who release venomous reptiles. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- NATURAL GAS TAX- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a bill (SB 322), filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that would push back from 2024 to 2026 a natural-gas fuel tax. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- BAKER ACT- Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 829), filed by Rep. David Silvers, D-Lake Clarke Shores, that includes

requiring the Department of Children and Families to annually update a handbook about the Baker Act, which sets legal procedures for mental-health examinations and treatment. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- **DIAPER TAX EXEMPTION**- Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Finance and Tax Committee will consider a proposal (SB 114), filed by Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Plantation, that would provide a sales-tax exemption for diapers, incontinence undergarments, incontinence pads and incontinence liners. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY**- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1223), filed by Rep. Adam Anderson, R-Palm Harbor, that would bar instruction about sexual orientation and gender identity through eighth grade, expanding a controversial 2022 law that prohibited such instruction in early grades. The bill also would prevent school employees from telling students their preferred pronouns if those pronouns “do not correspond to his or her sex” or asking students about their preferred pronouns. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **DEFAMATION LAWS** - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 991), filed by Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, that seeks to revamp the state’s defamation laws. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **AUTO GLASS REPAIRS** - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 541), filed by Rep. Griff Griffiths, R-Panama City Beach, that includes preventing the practice of “assignment of benefits” in insurance claims for vehicle glass repairs and replacement. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **WASTE REDUCTION**- Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 506), filed by Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, that would require the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a waste-reduction and recycling plan. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFTS** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 306), filed by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would take steps to curb thefts of vehicle catalytic converters. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**- Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 52), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that addresses social-media issues in the education system, including seeking to prevent students from accessing social-media platforms while at school. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS** - Tuesday, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. - The House Education & Employment Committee and the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will consider constitutional amendments (HJR 31 and SJR 94), filed by Rep. Spencer Roach, R-North Fort Myers, and Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that seek to move to partisan school-board elections in Florida. House meeting at 3 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building. Senate meeting at 4 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BALLOT MEASURES**- Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (HJR 129), filed by Rep. Rick Roth, R-West Palm Beach, R-West Palm Beach, that would make it harder to pass constitutional amendments. It would require approval of amendments by 66.67 percent of voters, up from the current 60 percent. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **‘ESG’ INVESTMENT DECISIONS** - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House State Affairs Committee will take up a bill (HB 3), filed by Rep. Bob Rommel, R-Naples, that would prevent government

investment decisions involving “environmental, social and governance” standards, known as ESG. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol

- **LAWSUIT LIMITS**- Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will take up a wide-ranging bill (SB 236), filed by Sen. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, that is aimed at shielding businesses and insurers from costly lawsuits. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DRONES - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will discuss drone usage and regulations. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- VACATION RENTALS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will consider a proposal (SB 714), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would revamp laws related to vacation-rental properties. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tallahassee-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- ‘GREAT FLORIDA READ IN’ HELD - Tuesday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. - The Florida Education Association, the National Education Association, the American Federation of Teachers and First Book will hold an event called the “Great Florida Read In: Reading Opens the World” to provide free books to children. In front of the Florida Education Association building, 213 South Adams St., Tallahassee.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023**

**Legislature:**

- **SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION** - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- WINDSHIELD REPAIRS - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 1002), filed by Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, that would ban the practice known as “assignment of benefits” in insurance claims for vehicle glass repairs and replacement. The bill also would prevent repair shops from offering such things as rebates, gift cards and coupons to customers in exchange for making vehicle-glass claims 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **STORM RECOVERY** - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 250), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would take a series of steps aimed at helping communities recover from future hurricanes. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HIGHER ED CHANGES- Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 266), filed by Chairwoman Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would make wide-ranging changes in the higher-education system, including preventing colleges and universities from spending money on diversity, equity and inclusion programs. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS- Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will take up a bill (SB 1096), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would increase potential civil liability for people who damage or remove historical monuments and memorials. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1718), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would take a series of steps aimed at curbing illegal immigration, including increasing penalties for employing or smuggling undocumented immigrants. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- - Wednesday, 8 a.m.
  - House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee (404 House Office Building)
  - House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
  - House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (314 House Office Building, the Capitol)
  - House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
  - House Appropriations Committee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol)
  - House Ways & Means Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)
- - Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.
  - House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- - Wednesday, 3 p.m.
  - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol)
  - House Education Quality Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
  - House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

### **Also:**

- CITIZENS INSURANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 88307560058
- CITRUS ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission will meet in Polk County. Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.
- PAROLE CASES REVIEWED - 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
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741
- 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
- VETERANS PROGRAM - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The organization Veterans Florida is scheduled meet. 101 South Adams St, Tallahassee. <https://meet.google.com/cpd-idos-cqc>. Call-in number: 1-304-568-6422. Code: 566602397

- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES MEET - Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will meet. Call-in number: 1-415-655-0001. Code: 24380470874

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023**

#### **Legislature:**

- **HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION** - Thursday, noon. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.
- **SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION** - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Thursday, 15 minutes after floor session. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

#### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- - Thursday, 8 a.m.
  - House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)
  - House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
  - House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
  - House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol)
- - Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Senate Appropriations Committee (110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol)
  - Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (412 Knott Building, the Capitol)
- - Thursday, 15 minutes after House floor session.
  - House Rules Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

#### **Also:**

- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM- Thursday, 9 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will discuss searches and selections of new university presidents. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 696121479
- UWF TRUSTEES MEET - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of West Florida, Conference Center, Pensacola. <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/82581662923?pwd=cGJlRzZsU1B6czZFYmpSMDhJWFpTZz09#success>. Code: 943321
- DEFENSE ISSUES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. Four Points by Sheraton Tallahassee Downtown, 316 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Broward Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/broward-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023**

#### **Legislature:**

- **HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION** - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.

#### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- - Friday, 8 a.m.
  - House Commerce Committee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol)
  - House Infrastructure Strategies Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

**Also:**

- UF TRUSTEES MEET - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will honor former President Kent Fuchs and then will hold a regular board meeting. University of Florida, Emerson Alumni Hall, ainesville. <https://mediasite.video.ufl.edu/Mediasite/Play/e8f3afe549f249dab5ee165119ed8e8e1d>
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/palm-beach-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- JENNINGS BLUFF EVENT HELD - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection will hold an event to mark the designation of the Jennings Bluff Tract as a state geological state. Entrance to Jennings Bluff property, Northwest 25th Lane, Jennings.

***About the Briefing!***

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