



**The 2023  
Legislative  
Session  
Starts Tuesday**



***The Briefing for Sunday – March 5 – 2023***

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***The Quick***

**The 60 Day Regular Legislative Session for 2023  
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**Small County Coalition Reception – 3-14-23**

**Small School District Council Consortium Briefing – 3-15-23**

**Calendars for the Week**

*House of Representatives Calendar for March 7th*

*Senate Calendar for Week 1 Beginning Tuesday March 7*

**Bills Filed and Proposed Constitutional Amendments**

*All Bills Filed for the 2023 Regular Legislative Session.docx*

*Proposed Constitutional Amendment filed for the 2023 Legislature*

*Education Bills Being Tracked - 3-5-23.docx*

*Local Government Bills 2023 - 3-5-23.docx*

*Rural Economic Development Bills 2023 - 3-5-23.docx*

**Local Legislative Budget Requests**

*1,458 Local Budget Requests have been filed in the Senate*

*2,333 Local Budget Requests have been filed in the House*

***On the Docket***

## **MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023**

### **Legislature-**

- HOUSE DEMOCRATS HOLD AVAILABILITY- Monday, 10 a.m. - House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, and Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, will hold a media availability. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82071898213?pwd=Q3F0ZnpYeWtpOHJTcUxuM2Qwb1J3dz09>
- LAWSUIT LIMITS - Monday, 11 a.m. - The National Federation of Independent Business will hold a news conference about bills (HB 837 and SB 236) aimed at reducing costly lawsuits against businesses and insurance companies. House sponsors Tommy Gregory, R-Lakewood Ranch, and Tom Fabricio, R-Miami Lakes, are expected to take part in the news conference. Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- ABORTION RIGHTS - Monday, noon. - Sen. Lori Berman, D-Boca Raton, and Rep. Rita Harris, D-Orlando, will take part in a news conference about legislation (SB 1076 and HB 1033) that seeks to put into Florida law abortion rights that had been guaranteed under the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision. <https://ppsenfl.zoom.us/jing/register/tZloc-2qqzMoGdDdR3hEFLfKXqMCaf7RWk2w>
- AUTOPSY REPORTS - Monday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will consider a bill (SB 404), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that would create a public-records exemption for autopsy reports of minors whose deaths were related to domestic violence. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PRE-GAME PRAYERS - Monday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will take up a proposal (SB 308), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that would make a series of changes about high-school athletics, including allowing high schools to offer prayers over stadium loudspeakers before championship games. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is considering a lawsuit filed by Tampa's Cambridge Christian School after being blocked by the Florida High School Athletic Association from offering a prayer over the loudspeaker before a 2015 high-school football championship game. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- WATER DISTRICT APPOINTEES -Monday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will consider the confirmation of members of the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- APALACHICOLA BAY - Monday, 3-30 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture Committee will receive a presentation about the Apalachicola Bay System Initiative, which is seeking to restore oyster reefs and address other issues in the bay. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GUN SALE INFORMATION - Monday, 3-30 p.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism 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. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- DEATH PENALTY CHANGES - Monday, 3-30 p.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will consider a proposal (SB 450), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would allow judges to impose death sentences without unanimous jury recommendations. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'MEDICATION AIDES' PROPOSED- Monday, 3-30 p.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 558), filed by Sen. Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, that would



- SCHOOL BOARD RESIDENCY - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will take up a bill (SB 444), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would change a residency requirement for school-board candidates. Under current law, candidates have to live in the districts they are seeking to represent at the they qualify to run. The bill would revise the requirement so they would have to live in the districts at the they assume office. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GENETIC COUNSELORS - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 218), filed by Sen. Gayle Harrell, R-Stuart, that would allow genetic counselors to provide services through telehealth. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PROPERTY INSURANCE CHANGES - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will take up a bill (SB 418), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that would make a series of property-insurance changes, including changes related to models used to project hurricane losses. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- VACATION RENTALS -Tuesday, 2 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.
- LAWSUIT LIMITS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance 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. The bills include proposals such as eliminating what are known as “one-way” attorney fees in lawsuits against insurers and reducing from four years to two years a statute of limitations for filing negligence lawsuits. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- COUNTY, CITY ATTORNEYS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 216), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would create a public-records exemption for personal information related to current and former county and city attorneys. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- EMERGENCY OPIOID ANTAGONISTS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will take up a bill (SB 542), filed by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would require each state college and university to have a supply of emergency opioid antagonists, which can help prevent fatal drug overdoses. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will consider a proposal (SB 256), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would make a series of changes targeting public-employee unions, including preventing workers from having union dues deducted from their paychecks. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE RESPONSE - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will receive presentations, including from the Department of Transportation, about hurricane response and recovery efforts. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

**Also-**

- SPECIAL ELECTION IN HD 24- Tuesday, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. - A special Republican primary election will be in Marion County’s House District 24. 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.

- IAN IMPACT -Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to sales taxes and Hurricane Ian. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 9-30 a.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will consider proposals that would increase monthly bills for customers of Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Co. The proposed increases stem from hurricane-related costs and higher-than-expected prices in 2022 for natural gas. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- USF TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 9-30 a.m. - The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of South Florida, Marshall Student Center, Tampa.
- COMMUNITIES TRUST PROGRAM - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Communities Trust Governing Board will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4056345114380791895>.
- ‘WELL-BEING’ COUNCIL -Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The state Child and Family Well-Being Council will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-MEETING/child-and-family-well-being-council-ing-4>
- SPEECH, AUDIOLOGY BOARD -Tuesday, 3-30 p.m. - The state Board of Speech Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. <https://goto.com/969544933>. Call-in number- 1-877-309-2073. Code- 969544933
- SUNCOAST PARKWAY PROJECT - Tuesday, 5-30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about a Suncoast Parkway extension project in Citrus County. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2701187135135381006>

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023**

#### **Legislature-**

- DISABILITIES AGENCY - Wednesday, 8-30 a.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will receive an update on the Agency for Persons with Disabilities 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION CHANGES - Wednesday, 8-30 a.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 64), filed by Chairman Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, that would make a series of changes related to the Department of Transportation. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL VOUCHERS - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 202), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that includes a major expansion of school vouchers. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID COVERAGE - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, will take part in a news conference to call for closing a Medicaid “coverage gap.” Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- CONSTRUCTION LAW CHANGES -Wednesday, 1-30 p.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 360), filed by Sen.. Travis Hutson, R-St. Augustine, that would shorten the for residents to file lawsuits about “latent” construction defects in their homes. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE DAMAGE - Wednesday, 1-30 p.m. - The Senate Select Committee on Resiliency will receive a presentation from Daytona Beach Shores Nancy Miller, whose community sustained hurricane damage last year. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION- Wednesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

#### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETING-**

- - **Wednesday, 8 a.m.**
  - House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- - **Wednesday, 11 a.m.**
  - House Commerce Committee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Health & Human Services Committee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Infrastructure Strategies Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- - **Wednesday, 1 p.m.**
  - House Education & Employment Committee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House State Affairs Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Judiciary Committee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

#### **Also-**

- COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - Children's Home Society of Florida and the University of Central Florida's Center for Community Schools will hold an event as part of the annual Community Partnership Schools Day at the Capitol. Kleman Plaza, Raymond Sittig Hall, 301 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- POLK COUNTY DEATH CASE HEARD- Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in two cases, including an appeal by Leon Davis Jr., who was sentenced to death in the 2007 murders of two women during a robbery at a Polk County insurance agency. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval 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
- CITRUS FORECAST - Wednesday, noon. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture is scheduled to update forecasts for the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. Call-in number- 1-855-384-4184. Code- 6486013
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1-30 p.m. - The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-MEETING/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-ing>
- 'RED MASS' -Wednesday, 6 p.m. - Catholic bishops from across Florida will hold the annual "Red Mass" in conjunction with the start of the legislative session. Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, will serve as lector/reader. Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 900 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- I-95 INTERCHANGE -Wednesday, 6 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a ing in Palm Beach County about a project involving the Woolbright Road interchange on Interstate 95. Boynton Beach City Hall, 100 East Ocean Ave., Boynton Beach. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8952177920719531022>

## **THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023**

### **Legislature-**

- **SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION-** Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETING**

- **- Thursday, 8 a.m.**
  - House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Civil Justice Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- **- Thursday, 9 a.m.**
  - Senate Appropriations Committee (110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **- Thursday, 11-30 a.m.**
  - House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
  - 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.)
- **- Thursday, 2 p.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, 5-30 p.m.**
  - House Rules Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

### **Also-**

- **ARBITRATION DISPUTE** - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in an appeal by the uniform company UniFirst Corp. in an arbitration dispute with a customer, Joey's New York Pizza, LLC. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- **SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD** -Thursday, 9 a.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. [https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_JSQhW3gfSYmuwfmzS2yA6A](https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JSQhW3gfSYmuwfmzS2yA6A)

- BLACK MEN AND BOYS COUNCIL -Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys will meet. Florida A&M University, Perry-Paige Auditorium, 1740 South Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS- Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD -Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- CITIZENS CLAIMS - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Call-in number- 1-786-635-1003. Code- 98593216531
- SUNCOAST PARKWAY PROJECT - Thursday, 5-30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about a Suncoast Parkway extension project in Citrus County. Citrus County National Guard Armory, 8551 West Venable St., Crystal River.

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023**

#### **Legislature-- Friday, 9 a.m.**

- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Education Quality Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

#### **Also-**

- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8-30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- FRIED ETHICS CASE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics will consider whether to dismiss a long-running case involving allegations that former state Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried did not properly disclose personal financial information. Attorney Elizabeth Miller, who serves as an advocate for the commission, filed a motion to dismiss the ethics complaint against Fried, the newly elected chairwoman of the Florida Democratic Party. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- FISCALLY CONSTRAINED COUNTIES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up issues related to fiscally constrained counties, which include many of the state's rural counties. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BLACK MEN AND BOYS COUNCIL -Friday, 9 a.m. - The Council on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys will meet. Florida A&M University, Perry-Paige Auditorium, 1740 South Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Tallahassee.
- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE -Friday, 9-15 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact conference," which involves analyzing potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- GAMBLING ISSUES -Friday, 9-30 a.m. - The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD -Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners is scheduled to . Call-in number- 1-888-585-9008. Code- 491089625



- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Feb. 28.

### ***Headlines Around the State***

*Bradenton Herald: DeSantis, GOP lawmakers ready for Culture Wars 2.0 as Florida Legislature convenes*

*WUSF: Florida Republicans are taking on the media. Reporters and bloggers, alike*

*WUSF: Bill before Florida Legislature would ban nonpartisan municipal races*

*FlaPol: Senate bill bans mandatory vaccinations in public health emergencies*

*FlaPol: Cannabis legalization bill including homegrow provision filed in Florida Senate*

*FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Fiona McFarland wants to ease burdens on families and care providers*

*FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Shevrin Jones policy proposals aim for student success, pregnant prisoner aid, manatees protections*

*FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Joe Gruters wants to bring alimony reform to law, reopen Midnight Pass*

*FlaPol: Legislative Session Preview: Christopher Benjamin wants to ban citizens arrests, boost paternal rights, accountability in schools, jails*

*Sun-Sentinel: How Republicans' latest insurance reform proposals could restrict your ability to sue*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump dances around Ron DeSantis question at CPAC*

*AP: Trump pitches a sequel, but shies away from attacking rivals*

*The Hill: Republicans see growing primary field as boon for Trump*

*My News 13: Trump says an indictment would not end presidential campaign*

*The Hill: Trump frames 2024 as existential fight: 'This is the final battle'*

*FlaPol: Mike Waltz waffles when asked to choose between Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis*

*Times: Daytona Beach woman accused of killing ill husband released from jail*

*WUSF: Move to take the wood stork off a federal endangered list is putting environmental groups at odds*

*WUSF: Uncertainty remains at Naples mobile home park after rent rise, damage wrought by Hurricane Ian*

*Sentinel: DeSantis holds up Disney move as proof he'll fight woke corporations*

*Times: DeSantis says he supports open carry in audio recorded from gun rights group*

*Times: Florida's edicts on classrooms are wearing thin with some school board members*

*Herald: Democratic AGs slam DeSantis for seeking info on college students receiving gender-affirming care*

*Times: Florida bill targeting unions emerges in House*

*FlaPol: Anti-drag queen show, expanded parental rights legislation filed*

*Politico: Florida Republicans push Covid vax waiver for tennis star Djokovic*

*FlaPol: Revenue changes for Court Clerks proposed to close funding gap*

*WLRN: Florida environmentalists raise concerns about upcoming development bills*

*Times: After 2 failed challenges, Hillsborough school board to rule on 'This Book Is Gay'*

*FlaPol: Jared Moskowitz, Jamie Raskin blast Lauren Boebert over COVID-19 'amnesia'*

*Axios: Scoop: Trump's 5-part plan to attack DeSantis*

*Times: DeSantis takes his culture war to Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's turf*

*Politico: The Republican presidential nomination could run through California. Yes, California*

*Politico: The Trump world-Fox News war gets nasty*

*Politico: Trump courts early-state Republicans at Mar-a-Lago*

*Herald: 'Obviously a big decision': Suarez says he's still mulling presidential run*

*FlaPol: Blaise Ingolia: 'Hypocrats' perfect new name for Democrats if they're canceled*

*TCPalm: Indian River picks two finalists for county administrator; final decision pushed to Tuesday*

### ***About the Briefing!***

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