



The Briefing for Thursday – March 9– 2023

Day 3 Of the Legislative Session – 57 Days til Sine Die!

The last Briefing was Wednesday – March 8- 2023

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Reminder for Next Week Activities

Tuesday

Small County Coalition - 2023 Legislative Briefing

March 14 - 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Sittig Hall – Kleman Plaza – Adjacent to Harry's Restaurant

The Small County Coalition meeting is for members and guests of the Small County Coalition.

Wednesday

Small School District Council Consortium

Briefing on the Status of the 2023 Legislative Session

Wednesday - March 15 - 11:00am – 12:45pm

Ballroom at Parkview at Cascades – across the back patio adjacent to the AC Marriott

The Small School District Council Consortium meeting is for members and guests of the SSDCC.

If you have not RSVP'd to these events - please do so ASAP to cdoolin@doolinandassoc.org

Here are the bills that moved this week – that are on the watch list!

HB 0001 School Choice by Tuck

School Choice: Revises provisions relating to Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program, part-time enrollment in public schools, transportation of students, graduations requirements, Commissioner of Education duties, & educator certifications. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 0031 Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards by Roach

Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards: Proposes amendments to State Constitution to require members of district school board to be elected in partisan election.

SB 0102 Housing by Calatayud

Housing; Citing this act as the "Live Local Act"; deleting the authority of local governments to adopt or maintain laws, ordinances, rules, or other measures that would have the effect of imposing controls on rents; providing an exemption from ad valorem taxation for land that meets certain criteria;

authorizing local governments to adopt ordinances to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for portions of property used to provide affordable housing meeting certain requirements; suspending, for a specified period, the General Revenue Fund service charge on documentary stamp tax collections; authorizing the Governor, under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, to approve state or local public infrastructure projects to facilitate the development or construction of affordable housing, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$711,000,000 Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1, 2023

HB 0131 Recall of County Officers and Commissioners by Rudman

Recall of County Officers and Commissioners: Proposes amendment to State Constitution to authorize Legislature to provide by general law for recall of county officers & commissioners.

SB 0170 Local Ordinances by Trumbull

Local Ordinances; Authorizing courts to assess and award reasonable attorney fees and costs and damages in certain civil actions filed against local governments; providing certain procedures for continued meetings on proposed ordinances and resolutions for counties; requiring a county to suspend enforcement of an ordinance that is the subject of a certain legal action if certain conditions are met; providing certain procedures for continued meetings on proposed ordinances for municipalities, etc. Effective Date: Except as otherwise expressly provided in this act and except for this section, which shall take effect upon becoming a law, this act shall take effect October 1, 2023

SB 0202 K-12 Education by Simon

K-12 Education; Revising student eligibility and ineligibility requirements for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program; revising obligations of eligible nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations; revising student eligibility and ineligibility requirements for the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program; authorizing public schools, including charter schools, to enroll certain students on a part-time basis; requiring the State Board of Education to provide recommendations by a specified date to the Governor and the Legislature for repeals and revisions of the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code to be considered in the 2024 legislative session; authorizing vehicles other than buses to transport students; authorizing district school boards to use advanced degrees in setting salary schedules for instructional personnel or school administrators, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

HB 0225 Interscholastic and Intrascholastic Activities by Hawkins

Interscholastic and Intrascholastic Activities: Provides for approval of athletic associations that meet certain requirements; provides requirements for such associations, SBE, & schools; provides private schools & traditional public schools are considered high schools for specified purposes; revises requirements for FHSAA; authorizes students to participate in interscholastic & intrascholastic activities; provides for opening remarks at sporting events & requirements for such remarks. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SB 0244 K-12 Teachers by Calatayud

K-12 Teachers; Authorizing the Office of Inspector General within the Department of Education to investigate allegations and reports of suspected violations of certain persons' rights; establishing the Dual Enrollment Educator Scholarship Program; establishing the Teacher Apprenticeship Program; providing an additional means of demonstrating mastery of subject area knowledge, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

SB 0308 Interscholastic Activities by Collins

Interscholastic Activities; Authorizing charter school students to participate in interscholastic extracurricular activities at private schools under certain circumstances; requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) to allow any school joining the organization by sport to

participate in the championship contest or series of contests for that sport; requiring that any changes to the FHSAA bylaws be ratified by the State Board of Education; deleting a requirement that the appointing authority of members of the FHSAA Board of Directors make appointments that reflect the demographic and population trends of this state; requiring each approved athletic association whose membership includes public schools to allow each participating school to make opening remarks at certain athletic contests, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

HB 0411 District School Board Elections by Steele

District School Board Elections: Provides that elected candidate for district school board must reside in district school board member residence area by date she or he assumes office instead of upon qualifying for office. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SB 0444 District School Board Elections by Ingoglia

District School Board Elections; Providing that an elected candidate for district school board must reside in the district school board member residence area by the date she or he assumes office instead of upon qualifying for office, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

SB 0626 Rural Electric Cooperatives by DiCeglie

Rural Electric Cooperatives; Authorizing rural electric cooperatives to provide communications services under certain circumstances for the purpose of expanding broadband Internet service to unserved areas of this state, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

HB 0627 Housing by Busatta Cabrera

Housing: Removes authority of local governments to adopt or maintain laws, ordinances, or rules that have effect of imposing controls on rents; provides exemption from ad valorem taxation for land that meets certain criteria; authorizes local governments to adopt ordinances to provide an ad valorem tax exemption for portions of property used to provide affordable housing meeting certain requirements; suspends, for a specified period, General Revenue Fund service charge on documentary stamp tax collections; authorizes Governor, under the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund, to approve state or local public infrastructure projects to facilitate the development or construction of affordable housing, etc. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

SB 0662 Student Online Personal Information Protection by Bradley

Student Online Personal Information Protection; Citing this act as the “Student Online Personal Information Protection Act”; prohibiting operators from knowingly engaging in specified activities relating to students’ covered information; specifying the duties of an operator; providing circumstances under which an operator may disclose students’ covered information, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

SB 0726 Library Cooperative Funding by Rodriguez

Library Cooperative Funding; Revising the funding source for a library cooperative from a grant provided by the state to an appropriation from the state; deleting a limitation on the funding a library cooperative is eligible to receive, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

HB 0733 Middle School and High School Start Times by Temple

Middle School and High School Start Times: Provides requirements for middle school & high school start times; provides district school board requirements; requires charter schools to meet requirements relating to middle school & high school start times. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

HB 0745 Emergency Communications by McFarland

Emergency Communications: Renames E911 Board as Emergency Communications Board; revises composition of board; establishes board responsibilities; requires board to administer fees; authorizes

board to establish schedules for implementing wireless systems & improvements; revises provisions relating to public safety emergency communications systems fee; eliminates obligation of provider to take legal action to enforce fee collection & county liability to provider; revises factors that board considers when setting percentages or contemplating adjustments to fee; updates provisions relating to prepaid wireless public safety emergency communications systems fee; revises emergency communications & 911 service functions; revises types of emergency communications equipment & services that are eligible for expenditure of moneys derived from fee. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

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Headlines Around the State

On the Docket

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
- 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.
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- '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.

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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