



## *The Briefing for Wednesday – March 8 – 2023*

**Day 2 Of the 60 Day Legislative Session**  
*The last Briefing was Tuesday – March 7 - 2023*  
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### **The Quick**

#### **[Governor DeSantis' - State of the State Remarks .docx](#)**

##### **Issues Mentioned in the Governors State of the State**

\$2 billion tax cut package; legal reform; accelerating infrastructure projects; Affordable Housing; Protecting Natural Resources ; protections for Floridians against unwanted medical interventions; increasing teacher salaries; enacting a teacher's bill of rights; providing paycheck protection for teachers; expanding school choice and fortifying parents' rights; increase penalties for fentanyl dealers; enact constitutional carry

#### **[Senator Passidomo's Opening Day Remarks .docx](#)**

##### **Issues mentioned in Senator Passidomo's Remarks**

Hurricane recovery; attainable housing options for all Floridians; Florida's wildlife corridor; school choice; codifying the constitutional right of citizens to keep and bear arms; promote career and technical education with a focus on work-based learning opportunities linked to local employment; cut taxes on more essential items; and; meaningful tort reform.

#### **[Speaker Renner's Opening Day Remarks to the Florida House .docx](#)**

##### **Issues mentioned in Speaker Renner's Remarks**

Substantial tax relief; affordable housing; tort reform; equip our sheriffs with advanced technology ; protect our schools and students from threats; improve resources for teachers and students; so that we can bring every child up to grade level; embrace educational freedom and customized learning; help kids disconnect from tech addiction; protections for juvenile data privacy; appropriate school start times; protect their retirement from political interference; prohibit any ESG interference in public procurement; protect our natural resources and infrastructure; address long-term needs in water supply and water treatment; preserve the Florida wildlife corridor; and protect the natural treasures of our state.

### **Enterprise Florida in the Crosshairs!**

#### **One of the most interesting comments of the day was by Speaker Renner**

“Enterprise Florida has over promised and under delivered for years and drains funds from higher priorities.” Enterprise Florida, the state's business-recruitment agency, is in the crosshairs of the Florida House as the 2023 legislative session opened Tuesday. House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast, called for the elimination of the public-private agency as he discussed priorities for the session. A bill filed

Monday (HB 5) proposes shifting Enterprise Florida's funding to the state Department of Economic Opportunity.

**[Links to Monitor the Legislative Session](#)**

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

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

**Legislative Calendars**

**[The House Calendar](#)**

**[The Senate Calendar](#)**

**Bills Up Today**

**See Calendars Above for Complete Schedule**

**8:00 - In the House Ethics and Elections Subcommittee**

- HJR 31 by Roach; Sirois and others -- Partisan Elections for Members of District School Boards
- HJR 131 by Rudman and others -- Recall of County Officers and Commissioners
- HB 209 by Rudman and others -- Recall of County Commissioners
- HB 411 by Steele and others -- District School Board Election

**11:00 – In Senate Appropriations Education**

- SB 202 – K-12 Education – Universal Vouchers

**1:00 – In House Education an Employment**

- CS/CS/HB 1 -School Choice
- CS/HB 19 --Individual Education Plans
- CS/HB 225 -- Interscholastic and Intrascholastic Activities
- HB 249 - Level 2 Background Screenings
- HB 477 -- Term Limits for District School Board Members

**1:00 – House State Affairs**

- HB 627- Affordable House

**Headlines Around the State**

*WLRN: DeSantis touts the 'Florida way' during a State of the State that offers a glimpse into 2024*

*CBS News: DeSantis vows legislative session will be "most productive yet," as he mulls potential 2024 campaign*

*My News 13: Gov. DeSantis touts 'education and medical freedom' during State of the State address*

*The Capitolist: Six week abortion ban filed in Florida; DeSantis supports some exceptions*

*Herald: GOP bill in Florida would limit abortions to six weeks except for rape, incest*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis warms to proposed expansion of Parental Rights in Education law*

*Times: What's known about Ron DeSantis time in the Navy at Guantanamo Bay*

*FlaPol: Florida teachers react to Gov. DeSantis State of the State: Students and educators deserve better*

*My News 13: Florida voters' mail-in ballot requests canceled amid new voting law*

*Times: USF officials try to ease fears over Florida's targeting of diversity programs*

*The Capitolist: J.P. Morgan CEO praises Florida's business climate as the company expands its presence in the state*

*NBC Miami: Miami-Dade Judge Denies Bond for Pregnant Woman Whose Unborn Baby is Involved in Court Battle*

*CBS Miami: FPL customers to see higher electric bills in April*

*Democrat: FAMU receives \$5.4 million to provide free, high-speed internet to southside Tallahassee*

*CBS Miami: Reshaped by Gov. DeSantis, Florida school boards embrace conservative agenda*

*Democrat: The politics behind the quotes: Decoding Fla. leaders' opening remarks*

*WUSF: Lawmakers propose state control of the FHSAA as a way to allow pregame prayer*

*FlaPol: At Session's starting gun, Paul Renner lays out agenda on vouchers, Enterprise Florida*

*WUSF: House Speaker Paul Renner wants to eliminate Enterprise Florida*

*The Capitolist: Florida House Speaker: Enterprise Florida "over-promised and under-delivered"*

*FlaPol: Tort reform clears first hurdle in Senate*

*FlaPol: Blaise Ingoglia bill seeks to tighten immigration oversight*

*Times: As Florida's legislative session begins today, here are the water bills were watching*

*WLRN: Bill before Florida Senate would put local ordinances on hold if challenged*

*WLRN: South Florida advocates form coalition to oppose 'overbearing state control'*

*FlaPol: Monument protection bill filed in House, Senate*

*News4Jax: UF satellite campus moves closer to reality but questions still remain*

*FlaPol: Lynn Hurtak, Janet Cruz head to overtime after contentious City Council battle*

### *On the Docket*

#### **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.

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