



Sweet 16 headed toward Elite 8 headed toward the Final Four – all this weekend.

[Latest Status of the Brackets including Thursdays Games](#)

## ***The Briefing for Friday – March 24- 2023***

Day 18 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 42 Days til Sine Die!

*The last Briefing was Thursday – March 23 - 2023*

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### **Proposed Budget Bills - GAA 23-24**

The following documents are word searchable, **Link is highlighted.**

They will be considered in their respective Appropriation Committees next week and sent to the Floor the following week.

<b><u><a href="#">SB 2500</a></u></b>	<b><u><a href="#">APC1</a></u></b>
<p><b>Senate Proposed Appropriations Bill - – Subcommittee Rec's</b></p> <p>Includes all funding recommendations for programs and specific projects. The Senate Appropriations Committee will take the bill up on Tuesday of next week.</p>	<p><b>House Proposed Appropriations bill– Subcommittee Rec's</b></p> <p>Includes all funding recommendation for programs and specific projects. The House Appropriations Committee will take up the proposal next Tuesda.</p>
<b><u><a href="#">SB 2502</a></u></b>	<b><u><a href="#">APC2</a></u></b>
<p>An Act Implementing The 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act</p>	<p>Implementing The 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act</p>
<b><u><a href="#">Senate Proposal for the Florida Education Funding Program</a></u></b>	<b><u><a href="#">House Proposal for Education and the FEEP</a></u></b>
	<p>See pages 9 – 12 of the link to see District Funding</p>

**Major Observations of Concern**

**Small County Road Programs Are Funded Below Current year**

Total Funding for Small County Road programs (SCOP and SCRAP) is \$40 million below current year level. This is resulting from Non-recurring funds used to boost funding in 22-23 has been backed out. The Proposed funding for SCOP and SCRAP are based on recurring funding sources.

### **House FEFP Proposal Eliminates Important Funding Lines that target funds to Small Districts**

In the FEFP Proposal from the House – the House proposal eliminates important categorical funding lines that provide funding levels that are beneficial to small school districts, the House proposals also eliminated the Sparsity Supplement which provide \$62 million in funding directly to many of the small districts.

#### **Legislative Calendars**

**[House Calendar for Today and next week.](#)**  
**[Senate Calendar for Today and Next Week.](#)**

#### **Links to Monitor the Legislative Session**

**[Link to the Florida Senate](#)**  
**[Link the Florida House of Representatives](#)**  
**[The Florida Channel](#)**

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

***Politico: Florida Republicans hand DeSantis first major legislative win***

***FlaPol: Done deal: Legislature approves lawsuit limitation bill***

***Times: Sweeping legal reforms passed by Florida Legislature, dividing Republicans***

***Herald: Expansion of school vouchers program passes despite disagreement on paying for it***

***FlaPol: Legislature passes universal school choice bill***

***Times: DeSantis' State Guard vision: planes, boats, police powers***

***Politico: The culture war bromance of Ron DeSantis and Chris Rufo***

***FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis touts civics program, \$3K bonuses for teachers***

***FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis defends controversial legislative crackdown on media defamation***

***Politico: Groups sue to stop Florida's gender-affirming care ban for kids***

***Times: Florida families sue state for banning transgender care for youth***

***AP: Lawsuit challenges Florida ban on gender-affirming care***

***Herald: Parkland activist parent arrested in Congress after gun-control protest during hearing***

***Politico: Gun rights hearing turns chaotic amid arrest of Parkland parent***

***Sentinel: Florida passes on millions in federal gun violence prevention funds***

***FlaPol: House tees up permitless carry bill ahead of final vote***

*FlaPol: Bill upping penalties for illegally handling venomous reptile clears second House committee*

*FlaPol: Senate budgets \$350M in reserves for school choice overrun*

*FlaPol: Senate budget includes another wave of police pay bumps*

*FlaPol: Sea-level rise planning expansion bill headed to full committee*

*FlaPol: House positions woke banking ban for passage*

*FlaPol: Senate budget makes key investments in prisons, rehabilitation*

*FlaPol: Senate budget slots \$3.3 billion for DEP, just over \$470M for FWC*

*FlaPol: Senate budgets billions in further relief after Hurricanes Ian, Nicole*

*FlaPol: Revamp of compensation for people wrongfully imprisoned heads to Senate floor*

*FlaPol: Florida Senate beats back eleventh-hour effort to change sweeping tort bill*

*Herald: Disagreement divides Republicans on controversial legal reforms, but bill still passes*

*Times: State Board of Education pushes straggling school districts to raise teacher pay*

*WaPo: DeSantis hardens tone against Russia after criticism from Republicans*

*Politico: Ron DeSantis has one very big problem: Donald Trump*

*The Hill: DeSantis denies authorizing force feeding during time at Guantanamo*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis has no interest in being on a ticket with Donald Trump*

*FlaPol: Protesting a Donald Trump indictment? Ron DeSantis leaves that 'up to individuals'*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis invites Whoopi Goldberg to Florida to see 'doggone diverse state'*

*FlaPol: RINO Ron? Gov. DeSantis tells critics to 'open their eyes'*

*FlaPol: 'What a joke': Ron DeSantis mocks NAACP Florida travel advisory*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis publicly discusses sister's death in detail for first time*

*Times: Trump ups rhetoric against DeSantis while attacking Florida, too*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump knocks Ron DeSantis's presidential bid as a 'sinking ship'*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump accuses Ron DeSantis of lying about vax status*

*NYTimes: That Missing Trump Portrait? Found, Next to Some Old Yoga Mats.*

*FlaPol: Statewide prosecutor secures conviction in Tampa illegal voting case*

*FlaPol: Disney World union workers reach tentative deal to \$18 an hour starting pay*

*Herald: Miami tech company in talks to replace FTX as new sponsor for the Miami Heat arena*

*Herald: Florida cities ramped up foreclosures to hurt speculators. Instead they helped them*

*My News 13: After-school drag event canceled after concerns raised by Florida education leaders, parents*

*Herald Tribune: 'Woke' Sarasota School Board member targeted by DeSantis files for re-election*

*NBC 6: Private School Principal Resigns After Complaints About 'Pornographic' Michelangelo Statue*

*FlaPol: Sydney Gruters to lead New College Foundation*

*Times: USF faculty condemns bills to alter Florida higher education: 'Just baffling'*

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