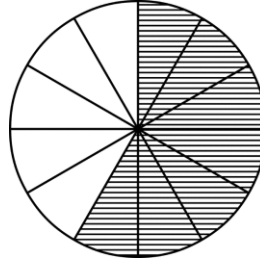


**The 2023 Legislative Session - 7/12ths Over!**



**25 Days until Sine Die!**

***The Briefing for Monday – April 10 - 2023***

**Day 35 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 25 days til Sine Die!**

***The last Briefing was Saturday – April 8 - 2023***

***How’s your weather – <https://weather.com/>***

***You can watch Legislative Meetings on [The Florida Channel](#)***

***A LOT OF QUESTIONS – HERE’ SOME HELP!***

**FLORIDA’S NEW UNIVERSAL VOUCHER PROGRAM  
FAMILY EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

**[LINK TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WEBSITE FOR SCHOLARSHIP/VOUCHER OPTIONS](#)**

On March 27, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis signed into law House Bill (HB) 1, which expands available school choice options for all students in Florida. As of the 2023-24 school year, the bill eliminates financial eligibility restrictions and the current enrollment cap for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Educational Options. HB 1 also increases the annual scholarship cap growth for the Family Empowerment Scholarship for Students with Unique Abilities from one percent to three percent annually to address high demand and wait lists. The link above provides access to links associated with how to access the program.

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

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

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

***[The Florida Channel](#)***

***The Quick***

***[Today’s Action on Tagged Bills](#)***

The House Commerce Committee will consider a proposal today at 2:00pm (PCB COM 23-04) that seeks to increase insurer “accountability” through such things as higher regulatory fines and stepped-up reporting requirements.

**Other bills on the Commerce Agenda**

<u><a href="#">HB 0221</a></u>	Sales of Firearms and Ammunition	<u><a href="#">Snyder</a></u>
<u><a href="#">HB 0439</a></u>	Land Use and Development Regulations	<u><a href="#">McClain</a></u>
<u><a href="#">HB 0745</a></u>	Emergency Communications	<u><a href="#">McFarland</a></u>

<a href="#"><u>HB 1221</u></a>	Broadband Internet Service Providers	<a href="#"><u>Tomkow</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1437</u></a>	Pub. Rec./Broadband Opportunity Program/DEO	<a href="#"><u>Esposito</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1521</u></a>	Facility Requirements Based on Sex	<a href="#"><u>Plakon</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 7041</u></a>	Space Florida	<a href="#"><u>Regulatory Reform &amp; Economic Development Subcommittee</u></a>

**The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will meet at 2:00 to take up the following bills:**

<a href="#"><u>HB 0111</u></a>	Flooding and Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Studies	<a href="#"><u>Hunschofsky</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 0261</u></a>	Boating Safety	<a href="#"><u>Botana</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 1071</u></a>	Drone Delivery Services	<a href="#"><u>Duggan</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>HB 0657</u></a>	Enforcement of School Zone Speed Limits	<a href="#"><u>Koster</u></a>

### **Legislative Calendars**

**Check the latest House and Senate Calendars**

[The House Calendar](#)

[The Senate Calendar](#)

### **Status of Bills Being Tracked**

Correction to Education Bills Link – The Education report included in Saturday’s Briefing was incorrectly linked to local government legislation.

[Status of Education Bills - 4-8-23 .docx](#)

[Status of Local Government Bills - 4-8-23 .docx](#)

Getting to the crunch time on bills being heard! Here are reports on the bills that we are tracking. They are wordsearchable. *Also note the last action reference* – here’s what that means:

- In Committee – means sitting waiting to be heard – not good at this time of session.
- On Committee Agenda – means the bills is still moving and has been scheduled to be heard.
- On Calendar – means the bill has passed committee assignments and is waiting to be scheduled for floor action.
- Received – means the bill has passed one chamber and has been sent to the other chamber.
- Approved by the Governor – means the bill has passed and signed by the Governor.

### **Budget Negotiations**

#### **Allocations and The Conference Process**

With each chamber finalizing their respective proposals, the two chambers now will work on allocating how much of the available money will go toward each section of the budget for the coming year and work in conference committees to finalize an agreement. Issues that can't be agreed on by the Joint Budget Conference Committees are "bumped" to each chamber's Appropriations Committee chairs who try to work out the sticking points. In some cases, the differences may be decided by the House speaker and the Senate president. The result is called the

Conference Committee Report, which is open for 72 hours before each chamber adopts and votes on the final version of the budget.

<b>Senate Budget Proposals</b>	<b>House Budget Proposals</b>
<a href="#">Senate Proposed GAA for FY 23-24 - SB 2500</a>	<a href="#">House Proposed GAA for 23-24 - HB 5001</a>
<a href="#">SB 2502-Implementing Proposal for 23-24 GAA</a>	<a href="#">HB 5003 - Implementing Proposal for 23-24 GAA</a>

### ***The Florida Education Funding Program***

The House and Senate are taking significantly different approaches to the FEFP. The Senate is taking the more traditional approach using the existing formula. The House is making major structural changes. Who benefits? It depends – however, the changes being proposed in the House are a significant concern. The Categorical allocations that the House proposes to eliminate are beneficial to small districts with extra funding built into the base of many of the programs. Elimination of several major categorical funding and elimination of Sparsity will have significant long term impact on small districts.

**The Senate proposal for the distribution of the FEFP is the one that should be supported.**

Here are the district by district runs for the Senate and House budgets.

[Senate Proposed FEFP funding for K-12](#)

[House Proposed FEFP funding for K-12](#)

### **The House Bill 5101 the proposed conforming bill for education changes existing statutes related to the FEFP.**

[HB 5101 - Education - Bill Text](#)

[HB 5101 - Education funding - Staff Analysis](#)

#### **House Bill 5101 proposes major changes in the FEFP**

##### **Here are some of the lowlights:**

- Elimination of the Sparsity Supplement
- Elimination of Compression and Hold Harmless allocation
- Elimination of allocation for Instructional Materials Allocation
- Elimination of Mental Health Assistance allocation
- Elimination of Safe Schools allocation
- Elimination of Reading allocation
- Elimination of Teacher Salary Increase allocation
- Elimination of Teacher Classroom Supply Assistance allocation
- Elimination of Turnaround Supplemental Services allocation

### ***Headlines Around The State***

*NYTimes: DeSantis Pushes Toughest Immigration Crackdown in the Nation*

*AP: DeSantis to make 1st public appearance in South Carolina*

*City & State FL: Florida Gov. DeSantis reportedly going to Japan*

*Sun-Sentinel: Trump's South Florida supporters stick with him despite criminal charges. 'If he doesn't win in 2024, I'll never vote again.'*

*Herald: Donald Trump shows up at a martial arts event in Miami. See how the crowd reacted*

*Post: Why Florida hasn't been reporting COVID cases and deaths to the CDC*

*The Floridian: Eskamani Pushes Abortion Pill Mifepristone Federal Ruling*

*News-Herald: US Rep. Neal Dunn challenging Austal USA, which won \$3B contract over Eastern Shipbuilding*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida abortion clinics monitored, fined — and struggling to stay open*

*Herald: Money pit: How an overhaul of Miami's former immigration building became an epic disaster*

*News-Press: Six months after Hurricane Ian, three Floridians who lost their homes find their footing*

*City & State FL: In the red: How Florida got to be the center of the Republican universe*

*Times: How DeSantis anti-drag war is affecting the performing arts*

*DBNJ: Campaign finance, harassment of election workers. What's in Florida Senate Bill 7050?*

*Democrat: The story behind Nikki Fried's T-shirt and TPD's concerns about protesters' online chatter*

*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis sends \$4M to jump-start I-75 interchange project*

*Yahoo News: These 14 new bills could impact Florida's water quality. Lawmakers will decide soon*

*The Capitolist: Is teaching worth it in Florida? Vacant positions skyrocketing despite high demand*

*Herald Tribune: New College program director: 'If I were more patriotic, I would burn' the school down*

*WUSF: Medical marijuana doctor, cleared of wrongdoing, sues the state after undercover probe*

*WUSF: A Florida bill to increase penalties over releasing or selling venomous reptiles now exempts natives*

*WUSF: After arrests at Tallahassee City Hall last week, Leon County gives OccupyTally a permit*

*Today: What's happening with Brevard Public Schools' book review policy — and who will be voting?*

## ***On the Docket Week Six***

**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023**

### **Legislature:**

- **INSURER 'ACCOUNTABILITY'** - Monday, 2 p.m. The House Commerce Committee will consider a proposal (PCB COM 23-04) that seeks to increase insurer "accountability" through such things as higher regulatory fines and stepped-up reporting requirements. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **MANAGED CARE PILOT** - Monday, 2 p.m. The House Health & Human Services Committee will take up a bill (HB 831), filed by Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville, that would create a managed-care pilot program in Miami-Dade County that would provide "comprehensive services" to Medicaid beneficiaries with developmental disabilities. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **DRONE DELIVERY** - Monday, 2 p.m. The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will take up a bill (HB 1071), filed by Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. Spencer

Roach, R-North Fort Myers, that addresses issues related to using drones to deliver goods and what are known as “drone ports.” 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Monday, 6:15 p.m. The House Rules Committee will set a special-order calendar, which will list bills to be heard Thursday on the House floor. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- TAMPA BAY COUNCIL - Monday, 10 a.m. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will meet. 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd., Suite 100, Pinellas Park. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85871937581?pwd=N1pUOG9jZmhqdmRGaW1LUeCzbGN0UT09>. Meeting ID: 85871937581. Code: 100200. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003
- EASTERN FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, 10:30 a.m. The Eastern Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. Eastern Florida State College, Melbourne Campus, 3865 North Wickham Road, Melbourne.
- FAMILY PLANNING PROPOSAL - Monday, 3 p.m. The Agency for Health Care Administration will hold a meeting about a proposal to extend what is known as a federal “waiver” program that offers family-planning services to women who have lost Medicaid eligibility and meet financial criteria. Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Dr., Building 3, Tallahassee.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE -State candidates, political committees and parties face a Monday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through March 31.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023**

**Legislature:**

- PREGNANT INMATES - Tuesday, 8 a.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 779), filed by Rep. Dianne Hart, D-Tampa, and Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, that would make a series of changes related to pregnant women in the criminal-justice system. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DEATH PENALTY IN RAPE CASES- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Senate Rules Committee will take up numerous bills, including a proposal (SB 1342), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that seeks to allow the death penalty for people who commit sexual batteries on children under age 12. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PANHANDLE BRIDGE TRANSFER - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1305), filed by Rep. Shane Abbott, R-DeFuniak Springs, that would make a series of changes involving the Department of Transportation, including allowing the transfer of Northwest Florida’s Garcon Point Bridge to the state turnpike system. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DRAG SHOWS UP IN SENATE - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Senate will take up a series of issues during a floor session and is expected to vote on a bill (SB 1438), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that would clear the way for the state to revoke licenses of restaurants and other establishments that allow children to attend drag shows. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- CHARTER SCHOOLS FUNDING - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The House Education & Employment Committee will take up a bill (HB 1259), filed by Rep. Jennifer Canady, R-Lakeland, that would address a series of education-funding issues, including capital-outlay money for charter schools. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ALIMONY OVERHAUL- Tuesday, 2 p.m. The House Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (HB 1409), filed by Rep. John Temple, R-Wildwood, and Rep. Alex Andrade, R-Pensacola, that would overhaul the state’s alimony laws. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS- Tuesday, 2 p.m. The House State Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (HB 1445), filed by Rep. Dean Black, R-Jacksonville, that would make a series of changes targeting public-employee unions, including preventing workers from having union dues deducted from their paychecks. 212 Knott 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.
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida SouthWestern State College, Charlotte Campus, 26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda.
- CITRUS FORECAST UPDATED - Tuesday, noon. The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update its forecast for the 2022-2023 citrus growing season. Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will meet. Florida State College at Jacksonville, Kent Campus, 3939 Roosevelt Blvd., Jacksonville.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023**

**Legislature:**

- KIDCARE ELIGIBILITY - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will consider a bill (SB 246), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would raise the income-eligibility threshold for children to get health coverage in the KidCare program. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- LEFT-LANE DRIVERS - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 464), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that seeks to prevent motorists from driving in the left lane on roads with speed limits of at least 65 mph. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TAX ISSUES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Finance and Tax Committee will discuss tax “concepts,” as lawmakers prepare to negotiate a package of tax breaks. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- APALACHICOLA BAY - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 702), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would provide \$5 million a year for city of Apalachicola projects aimed at improving water quality in Apalachicola Bay. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RELIGIOUS ‘ANIMUS’ - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 994), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would crack down on people who commit offenses related to religious “animus.” 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LATER SCHOOL START TIMES - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1112), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would prevent middle schools from beginning the instructional day earlier than 8

a.m., while high schools would be barred from starting before 8:30 a.m. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- STUDENT DATA - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Senate is expected to take up a series of issues during a floor session, including a bill (SB 662), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that seeks to restrict the way operators of websites and online applications used in schools can collect and use students' data. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Wednesday, 15 minutes after the floor session. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a list of bills to be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

#### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- - Wednesday, 8 a.m.
  - House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee, 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
  - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
  - House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee, Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- - Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.
  - House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee, Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- - Wednesday, 3 p.m.
  - House Appropriations Committee, 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
  - House Ways & Means Committee, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

#### **Also:**

- 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
- CENTRAL FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Hardee County Commission chamber, 412 West Orange St., Wauchula.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings>
- WATER DISTRICT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE - Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The South Florida Water Management District will hold an open house, including discussion of the 2023 South Florida Environmental Report. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- EXECUTION - Wednesday, 6 p.m. Death Row inmate Louis Gaskin is scheduled to be executed in the 1989 murders of a Flagler County couple. Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023**

##### **Legislature:**

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 9 a.m. The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.

- SPECIAL ORDER SET - 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to meet to set a list of bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

**OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- - Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Senate Health Policy Committee, 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- - Thursday, 10:30 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.
- - Thursday, 4:30 p.m.
  - Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- 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\\_PP-4SaWCSS2JsEgNFxZcfA#/registration](https://sfwmd-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PP-4SaWCSS2JsEgNFxZcfA#/registration)
- GREENWAYS, TRAILS - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Carr Building, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA 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.
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet. Daytona State College, Wetherell Student Services and Administration Building, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- TOBACCO SETTLEMENT - Thursday, 3 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a forecast for the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- GINGRICH SPEAKS IN PALM BEACH - Thursday, 6 p.m. Former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich will speak to the Palm Beach Republican Club. The Colony Hotel, 155 Hammon Ave., Palm Beach.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023**

**Legislature:**

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- CONSERVATION ISSUES- Friday, 9 a.m. The Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- TOBACCO SETTLEMENT - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss what is known as an “outlook” for the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.



- GREENWAYS, TRAILS - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Carr Building, 3800 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9:15 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FSDB BOARD - Friday, 10:30 a.m. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 1 p.m. The Miami-Dade Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings>
- SCHOOL ENROLLMENT - Friday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss a forecast for public-school enrollment. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

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