

The Briefing for Saturday - April 8 - 2023

Day 33 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 27 days til Sine Die!

The last Briefing was Thursday – April 6- 2023

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Status of Bills Being Tracked

<u>Status of Education Bills - 4-8-23 .docx</u> 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 Issue for County Commissions Medicaid Contributions Set for 23-24

County Medicaid Cost-share – 15.3% Increase Estimated for 23-24

County Contributions to Medicaid

The State Social Services Estimating Conference has projected a 15.3% increase in the County Contribution of Medicaid growing \$285.6 million (the total contribution for FY 2022-23) to a new total amount of the counties' annual contribution of \$329.4 million for FY 2023-24. The following links provide the breakdown for each county's Medicaid Cost-share obligation:

Next year required cost-share - <u>County By County - Medicaid Contribution Cost-Share - for 23-24</u> Current year cost-share - <u>Current Year County Medicaid Cost-Share - 22-23</u>

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.

Senate Budget Proposals	House Budget Proposals
Senate Proposed GAA for FY 23-24 - SB 2500	House Proposed GAA for 23-24 - HB 5001
SB 2502-Implementing Proposal for 23-24 GAA	HB 5003 - Implementing Proposal for 23-24
	<u>GAA</u>

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

Legislative Calendars

Check the House and Senate Calendars for items on the agenda next week.

<u>Latest Senate Calendar</u> Latest House Calendar

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

Link to the Florida Senate
Link the Florida House of Representatives
The Florida Channel

Headlines Around The State

News Herald: DeSantis vows to punch back at Disney 'come hell or high water'

Sentinel: DeSantis: I'll kill Reedy Creek deal, consider hotel tax, tolls for Disney World

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis threatens toll roads, development in his ongoing Disney feud

Herald: Biden's proposal on transgender athletes clashes with DeSantis' rules for Florida

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis ready to welcome Chicago 'refugees'

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

Times: Florida health officials removed key data from COVID vaccine report

Sentinel: Florida theaters keep watchful eye on Legislature's drag drama

Times: New College urges 7 faculty members to stop seeking tenure as changes build

Sentinel: Would Florida higher ed proposals protect students or destroy state universities?

Daily News: FGCU president search: Four finalists announced. Here's what we know.

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis dodges question of how Donald Trump arrest has affected White House hopes

AP: In DeSantis' shadow, Florida Democrats fight to be relevant

Capitolist: Carlos G. Smith vying for another stint in legislature, announces Senate campaign

FlaPol: Carlos Guillermo Smith looks to return to Tallahassee, files in SD 17

FlaPol: Sarah Henry signs up for rematch with David Smith in HD 38

FlaPol: Six candidates clash Tuesday for two Coral Gables City Commission seats

Times: Pinellas HR director resigns amid accusations of retaliation, favoritism

NBC 6: Florida Prisoners Seeking College Education Get Second Chance

Democrat: Tallahassee Classical's boad chair refutes Leon School district's noncompliance letter

Herald Tribune: Sarasota School Board's Bridget Ziegler defends social media post critics call transphobic

NYTimes: Fed Up With Mayhem, Miami Beach Wants to Tame Spring Break for Good

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Politico: 'Buckle up': DeSantis escalates Disney dispute, eyes hotel taxes and road tolls
         Politico: Florida lawmakers, and DeSantis, charge ahead on 6-week abortion ban
Capitolist: With a hypothetical future governor in mind, Republicans push to limit emergency powers
           MLive: Ron DeSantis, eyeing presidency, tests campaign message in Michigan
             FlaPol: Ron DeSantis tells Hillsdale College audience he's not a 'dictator'
   FlaPol: In Michigan, Ron DeSantis claims no one has heard of New College before his revamp
           FlaPol: At Hillsdale, Ron DeSantis says New College will be a 'little Hillsdale'
            FlaPol: In Michigan, Ron DeSantis skirts subject of Donald Trump's arrest
  WLRN: Anxiety among professors as DeSantis pushes 'conservative firebrand' for FAU president
                Politico: Why Gavin Newsom may give red state Democrats the blues
             Times: New College of Florida seeks out students with scholarships, sports
                House, Senate budgets diverge on education, economic development
                 FlaPol: State park reservation bill ready for Governor's signature
            FlaPol: Will the Legislature shift the settings on data privacy for consumers?
   FlaPol: Senate opioid settlement fund plan mostly aligns with Gov. DeSantis, House focuses on
                                             treatment
    Herald: Republicans moving fast, but there's still a lot to do as Legislature hits halfway mark
     Herald: Biden's proposal on transgender athletes clashes with DeSantis' rules for Florida
 WUSF: Families of trans youth weigh leaving Florida as more bans on gender-affirming care loom
 NWF Daily News: Division of Emergency Management seeking contractors for DeSantis' migrant
                                        relocation program
          NWF Daily News: Are Pride celebrations the Florida Legislature's next target?
       Floridian: Vern Buchanan Introduces Military Mental Health Bill to Reduce Suicides
   WUSF: Floridians are urged to be vigilant against wildfires with much of the state 'dry or near
                                             drought'
      WUSF: St. Petersburg votes down a $50,000 allocation to the Tampa Bay Abortion Fund
                    Sentinel: Apopka council wants to ax fire chief, city attorney
     NWF Daily News: Could FPL zero-emissions goal cause customers to foot more of the bill?
              NBC: Ron DeSantis' long-haul strategy against Trump comes into view
       Ledger: The majority of Florida Democrats didn't vote last year. Why? and what now?
           Times: Democratic group publishes 500-page DeSantis opposition research file
Insider: Stunning endorsement: DeSantis ally Rep. Byron Donalds backs Trump for president in 2024
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Floridian: Byron Donalds Endorses President Donald Trump over Ron DeSantis

FlaPol: Byron Donalds endorses Donald Trump for President in 2024

FlaPol: Sarah Henry signs up for rematch with David Smith in HD 38

FlaPol: Third Republican enters race to succeed Rick Roth in HD 94

FlaPol: Kim Kendall adds \$150K in first month of HD 18 bid

FlaPol: Newcomer Bowen Kou adds \$1M of his own money in opening month of SD 13 campaign

Herald: Miami mayor visits SC as he mulls 2024 run, sees void in 'generational leadership'

Herald: Miami Mayor Francis Suarez skeptical of Trump indictment, calling it 'slippery slope'

Times: Attorney Lisa McLean to run for Hillsborough public defender

FlaPol: JAXBIZ backs Jimmy Peluso, Mike Muldoon, Rahman Johnson in Jax City Council runoffs

FlaPol: Fernandina Beach Commissioners name second consecutive Interim City Manager

Herald Tribune: Sarasota County commissioner, former state senator Nancy Detert dies at 78

PNJ: Rebekah Jones' son arrested in Florida after allegedly threatening to shoot up school, stab students

Herald: Son of Rebekah Jones, Florida whistle-blower, arrested in probe of threatening internet posts

Democrat: Superseding indictment could be coming in Andrew Gillum public corruption case

Herald: 'We're not just in Miami; we're of Miami': Higher ed leaders connect with business community

Times: Don't cave to DeSantis on diversity, Black leaders tell Pinellas schools

Herald: Critics say voucher law will hurt public schools — yet 3 School Board members at signing

NWF Daily News: Tallahassee pot doc sues Florida Department of Health, investigators

Capitolist: 14 major storms predicted for 2023 hurricane season as insurers still grapple with Ian, Nicole claims

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=N1pUOG9jZmhqdmRGaW1LUEczbGNoU
 T09. 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 criminaljustice 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, RMiami, 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
- 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.

About the Briefing!

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