

20 Days Left in 2023 Legislative Session!

The Briefing for Saturday – April 15 - 2023

Day 40 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 20 days til Sine Die!

The last Briefing was Thursday – April 13 - 2023

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Coalition Letter Expresses Financial Concerns on Counties

[April 11 - 2023 - Letter - Proposals Impacting Revenues .docx](#)

This past week, Small County Coalition Chair Terry Burroughs and Vice-Chair Russell Melendy sent a letter to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House outlining concerns regarding increased costs and revenue restrictions that local governments may face in FY 23-24. Specifically, the letter requested that, where possible, increases and pre-emptions impacting revenues be set-aside or, that if the state proposes to restrict local revenues, that the loss of local revenues resulting from a state action be offset with an allocation of state funds in an amount equal to the implementation of the increase or preemption. The letter stated that “the only options for local governments are program cuts or increased millage rates”. Correspondence highlighted the following:

- ***Changes to F.R.S.*** – Both the House and Senate Proposals will require increased spending in local budgets.
- Potential Impact on Counties - \$350.5 million - \$1,188.2 million
- ***Increase In County Medicaid Cost-Share Contribution – 15.3%*** - The projected increase in the County Contribution of Medicaid is 15.3% or \$43.8 million above current level to a new total amount of the counties' annual contribution of \$329.4 million for FY 2023-24.
- ***Potential Impact of Agricultural Lands Legislation*** - HB 1343 and SB 1184 - Both bills will preempt special assessments on lands classified as agricultural.

Bills Helping Rural Economic Development Moving this week!

Bill numbers are linked to information

[HB 1209](#)

Economic Development by Shoaf – Up in House Commerce on Monday

Economic Development: Removes requirement that grants received by regional economic development organization under Regional Rural Development Grants Program must be matched in certain manner; revises percentage of certain project costs for which DEO may award certain grants; provides date after which Florida Development Finance Corporation may not enter into specified agreements; removes scheduled repeal of corporation; revises purposes for which certain awards may be provided; revises areas in which DEO may provide grants through Everglades Restoration Agricultural Community Employment Training Program; authorizes use of certain grant funds for certain purposes; requires DEO to set aside certain percentage of funds for certain purpose; prohibits DEO from awarding employer-based grants in excess of certain amount; requires DEO to prioritize awarding employer-based grants to certain training programs. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

[SB 1482](#)

Rural Development by Simon – On Senate Approps Subcommittee on Tuesday

Rural Development; Prohibiting certain agency agreements from requiring the expenditure of funds before reimbursement; specifying that funding provided under the Regional Rural Development Grants Program are not matching grants; revising the

conditions under which an applicant to the Rural Community Development Revolving Loan Fund may retain repayments of principal and interest; revising the purpose of the Rural Infrastructure Fund; revising the percentages of total infrastructure project cost that the Department of Economic Opportunity may award through the fund, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

SB 1664 Economic Development by Hooper - Approps Subcommittee on Tuesday

Economic Development; Requiring the Secretary of Economic Opportunity to appoint deputy secretaries and directors for specified divisions of the Department of Economic Opportunity; revising the list of local governments affected by Naval Support Activity Orlando; revising requirements relating to the Florida Rural Development Grants Program; specifying that the term “public infrastructure projects” includes projects for workforce housing; deleting the future repeal of provisions governing the Florida Development Finance Corporation, etc. Effective Date: 7/1/2023

A Focus on School Funding

The House proposal for the FEFP funding for K-12 eliminates funding for key programs that districts are required to implement. Repealing these funds without repealing the requirement to implement will create difficulties for districts during budget deliberations and collective bargaining. Repealing Sparsity funding and modifying the District Cost Differential will impact equalization within the formula.

The Senate proposal for the FEFP provides for more certainty on a year to year basis.

| <i>Funding component</i> | <i>House Proposal</i> | <i>Senate Proposal</i> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Sparsity Supplement | Eliminated | \$65,281,755 |
| Funding Compression/Hold Harmless | Eliminated | \$73,705,161 |
| Instructional Material Allocation | Eliminated | \$249,245,747 |
| Mental Health Assistance | Eliminated | \$160,000,000 - Each district receives a minimum of \$100,000 |
| Reading Allocation | Eliminated | \$170,000,000 - Each district receives a minimum of \$115,000 |
| Safe Schools Allocation | Eliminated | \$250,000,000 - Each district receives a minimum of \$250,000 |
| Funding Compression/Hold Harmless | Eliminated | \$73,705,161 |
| Instructional Material Allocation | Eliminated | \$249,245,747 |
| Teacher Salary Increase Allocation | Eliminated | \$1,000,000,000 |
| Teacher Classroom Supply Allotment | Eliminated | \$54,143,375 |
| Turnaround Supplemental Services | Eliminated | \$16,876,705 |

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

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

House and Senate Calendars for Week Seven
House Calendar for Monday - Week Seven
Senate Calendar for Week Seven

2023 Rural Counties Days – April 25-26

Rural Counties Day was initiated by the Honorable Representative Bobby Payne (District 19) to highlight the unique benefits, offerings, and the importance of our Rural Counties to the overall economic success of Florida.

- **April 25, 2023** - Reception – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **April 26, 2023** - Rural Counties Day Capitol Plaza Courtyard - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For more information -
rcd@iog.fsu.edu | (850) 487-1870

Headlines Around The State

The Hill: DeSantis faces political quagmire on abortion

Times: Why did DeSantis sign Florida abortion bill late at night?

AP: Abortion bans raise fears inside GOP about backlash in 2024

Politico: Pence commends DeSantis for Florida's 6-week abortion ban

FlaPol: Liberal PACs, abortion rights groups stirred to anger at Gov. DeSantis abortion bill signing

Herald: How Casey DeSantis became a force in Florida politics

FlaPol: House tax plan would cut Hillsborough County sales tax to resolve nixed surtax funds

Sentinel: Reedy Creek finds no records exist for Moody's probe into Disney agreements

WLRN: Graduating seniors ask: Would I have attended a Florida school if DEI was banned?

AP: Florida floods: Businesses, residents begin cleaning up mess

Herald: Fort Lauderdale airport reopens after days of rain, flooding and stranded passengers

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis thanks Liberty students for praying for First Lady's healing from cancer

Politico: DeSantis bucks his robot reputation in New Hampshire

FlaPol: Protesters storm stage during Ron DeSantis speech in New Hampshire

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Florida didn't have 'state pride' until he became Governor

The Hill: Pro-DeSantis PAC drops ad criticizing Trump as 'gun grabber'

Politico: Trump's fundraising was turbocharged by indictment

Times: Trump reports little from Truth Social, \$1M from digital trading cards

FlaPol: Jason Pizzo stacks \$121K in six-day March fundraising haul for SD 37

FlaPol: Fabian Basabe, under fire for voting record, possible misconduct, crosses \$20K raised for HD 106 re-election

On the Docket Week Six

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

Legislature:

- HURRICANE RECOVERY - Monday, 9:30 a.m. - The House Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (HB 7057), sponsored by Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape Coral, and Rep. Adam

Botana, R-Bonita Springs, that includes steps to help communities brace for future natural disasters and recover. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- VEHICLE DEALERS, SALES - Monday, 9:30 a.m. - The House Ways & Means Committee will consider a proposal (HB 973), filed by Rep. Adam Botana, R-Bonita Springs, that would make a series of changes related to vehicle dealers and sales. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONDO ISSUES - Monday, 2 p.m. - The House Commerce Committee will consider a proposal (HB 1395), filed by Rep. Vicki Lopez, R-Miami, that involves a series of issues related to condominium associations and buildings, including inspection requirements. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OFFICE SURGERIES - Monday, 2 p.m. - The House Health & Human Services Committee will take up a bill (HB 1471), filed by Rep. Demi Busatta Cabrera, R-Coral Gables, that includes office-surgery standards for gluteal fat grafting procedures, often known as Brazilian butt lifts. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PHOSPHOGYPSUM - Monday, 2 p.m. - The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will take up a bill (HB 1191), filed by Rep. Lawrence McClure, R-Dover, that could lead to the use of phosphogypsum, a byproduct of phosphate manufacturing, in road-building material. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 8:30 a.m. - The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will . - Seminole State College of Florida, Altamonte Springs Campus, 850 South State Road 434, Altamonte Springs.
- SOUTH FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The South Florida Regional Planning Council will . - South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 250, Hollywood. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87676010617?pwd=ZXRUbDFmWmtpSWFXbFZlYU0zRDxZz09.ingID:87676010617.Code:946450>
- UF TRUSTEES - Monday, 11 a.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will . - Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Code: 94781340352
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, 2 p.m. - The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will . - St. Johns River State College, Orange Park Campus, Thrasher-Horne Conference Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.
- TCC TRUSTEES - Monday, 2:30 pm.. - The Tallahassee Community College Board of Trustees will . - Tallahassee Community College, Center for Innovation, 300 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT DEADLINE SET - Monday, 5 p.m. - Candidates for a seat of the Florida Supreme Court face a 5 p.m. Monday deadline for submitting applications to the Florida Supreme Court Judicial Nominating Commission. The seat opened when former Justice Ricky Polston resigned in March.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

Legislature:

- MANAGED CARE PILOT - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 1084), filed by Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that would create a managed-care pilot program in Miami-Dade County that would provide “comprehensive services” to Medicaid beneficiaries with developmental disabilities. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ABANDONED CEMETERIES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 430), filed by

Sen. Bobby Powell, D-West Palm Beach, that would create a state Historic Cemeteries Program to help research and restore abandoned cemeteries. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- TAX PLAN- Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Finance and Tax Committee will take up a bill (SPB 7062) that is expected to include a series of tax breaks. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The House is scheduled to take up numerous issues during a floor session, including a controversial plan (HB 1421 and SB 254) that would bar doctors and other health-care providers from offering treatments such as puberty blockers and hormone therapy to transgender minors. The Senate on April 4 passed its version of the bill. The House also is scheduled to consider a proposal (HB 1423 and SB 1438) aimed at preventing children from attending drag shows and a proposal (HB 1521) that seeks to prevent transgender men and women from using bathrooms that don't line up with their sex assigned at birth. - House chamber, the Capitol.
- VACATION RENTALS - Tuesday, noon. - The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 714), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would revamp regulations for vacation-rental properties. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- JUSTICES, JUDICIAL ASSISTANTS - Tuesday, noon.
- - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 174), filed by Sen. Tina Polsky, D-Boca Raton, that would add justices and judicial assistants to a law aimed at protecting certain public officials and employees from threats of serious bodily harm or death. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LATER SCHOOL START TIMES - Tuesday, noon. - 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.
- ALIMONY OVERHAUL DEBATED IN SENATE - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to take up numerous issues during a floor session, including a bill (SB 1416), filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that would overhaul the state's alimony laws. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.

Also:

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will . - Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream/>
- DRUG ABUSE ISSUES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council will . - Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee.
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will . - St. Petersburg College, Health Education Center, 7200 66th St. North, Pinellas Park.
- CHIROPRACTIC ISSUES- Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will . - <https://.goto.com/207804661>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 207804661
- MEDICAID ISSUES - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The state Medical Care Advisory Committee, which works on issues in the Medicaid program, will . - Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Dr., Building 3, Tallahassee.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will . - Palm Beach State College, Belle Glade Campus, Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center, 1977 College Dr., Belle Glade.

- SANTA FE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will . - Santa Fe College, Andrews Cultural Center, 201 East Call St., Starke.
- PENSACOLA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, committee ings and a regular board ing. - Pensacola State College, Milton Campus, 5988 Highway 90, Milton.
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. - The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to . - Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

Legislature:

- SCHOOL BOARD RESIDENCY - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 444), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would change a residency requirement for school-board candidates. Under current law, candidates have to live in the districts they are seeking to represent at the time they qualify to run. The bill would revise the requirement so they would have to live in the districts at the time they assume office. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. - House chamber, the Capitol.
- WINDSHIELD REPAIRS - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to take up numerous issues during a floor session, including a proposal (SB 1002), filed by Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, that would ban the practice known as “assignment of benefits” in insurance claims for vehicle glass repairs and replacement. The bill also would prevent repair shops from offering such things as rebates, gift cards and coupons to customers in exchange for making vehicle-glass claims. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED INGS

- - Wednesday, 8 a.m.
 - House Education & Employment Committee, Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
 - House Judiciary Committee, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
 - House State Affairs Committee, 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The State Board of Education will . - Cabinet Meeting room, the Capitol.
- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The state Commission on Mental and Substance Abuse will . - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-ings>
- TOP NURSING HOMES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Governor’s Panel on Excellence in Long-Term Care will review applications for “Gold Seal” awards. - Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 998518088
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will . - 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- EAST CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council will . - LYNX Central Station, 455 North Garland Ave., Orlando.
- DELEGAL SPEAKS AT TIGER BAY - Wednesday, noon. - Ginger Delegal, executive director of the Florida Association of Counties, is scheduled to speak to the Flagler Tiger Bay Club. - Hammock Dunes Club, 30 Avenue Royale, Palm Coast.

- FAMU BOARD - Wednesday, noon. - The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will hold a Governance Committee meeting, followed by a board meeting. - Information at https://www.famu.edu/about-famu/leadership/board-of-trustees/agendas_and_minutes.php
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 5 p.m. - The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Lake-Sumter State College, South Lake Campus, 1250 North Hancock Road, Clermont.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

Legislature:

- SECURITY DEPOSITS - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The House is scheduled to take up numerous issues during a floor session, including a proposal (HB 133), filed by Rep. Jim Mooney, R-Islamorada, that could lead to renters paying non-refundable monthly fees instead of security deposits. - House chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Thursday, 15 minutes after Senate committees. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar that will list bills to be heard on the Senate floor. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- - Thursday, 8 a.m.
 - Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight, 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- - Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
 - Senate Appropriations Committee, 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
 - Senate Fiscal Policy Committee, 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- DEFENSE ISSUES DISCUSSED - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-113-via-zoom/>
- GULF COAST COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.
- HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. - Florida Commission on Human Relations, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- UCF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 10:15 a.m. - The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - Information at <https://bot.ucf.edu/>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- PANHANDLE COUNCIL - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - The Emerald Coast Regional Council board will meet. - Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar.
- LAW OFFICERS - Thursday, noon to 3 p.m. - The Florida Police Chiefs Association and the Florida Sheriffs Association will hold a joint virtual job fair. - https://app.premiervirtual.com/events/6435ce1c-0c9a-422f-8a86-c3437d33d294/law-enforcement-virtual-job-fair?fbclid=IwAR31kbxMrstKrw-GBtZXoK- jpUjWztgD_SYUpXMlcC9TEzst6jwArdwyZcl

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

Legislature:

- SCHEDULED MEETINGS
- - Friday, 9 a.m.
 - House Appropriations Committee, 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

— House Ways & Means Committee, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- HARRIS APPEARS IN MIAMI - Vice President Kamala Harris is expected to appear Friday in Miami to discuss climate-change issues.
- ETHICS PANEL - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics will . - 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will . - Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High-Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, tuart. <https://.goto.com/268592461>. Call-in number: 1-646-749-3122.Code: 268592461
- JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is scheduled to release a March unemployment report.
- LIBERTARIANS GATHER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA - Friday, 5 p.m. - The Libertarian Party of Florida will begin a three-day convention. - Wyndham Resort Celebration, 3011 Maingate Lane, Kissimmee.

About the Briefing!

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