



The Briefing for Thursday – March 23 - 2023

Day 17 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 43 Days til Sine Die!

The last Briefing was Wednesday – March 22 - 2023

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Senate and House Budget Proposals

House and Senate Legislative Budget Proposals will be adopted next week!

Senate Procedures for Consideration of the Senate's Proposed GAA for 23-24

- The Senate's Consolidated Proposed Budget PCBs will be available on Thursday, March 23.
- The Appropriations Committee will meet [Tuesday, March 28](#) to consider the Proposed GAA, Implementing and Companion PCBs.
- The Amendment Deadline for Tuesday's Appropriations meeting will be 1pm Friday, March 24. The Deadline for adhering amendments will be 1pm Monday, March 27.

House Procedures for Consideration of the House's Proposed Appropriations Act

- No later than Friday, March 24: House will publish the Proposed GAA, Implementing Bill and Conforming Bills.
- Tuesday, March 28: House Appropriations Committee will meet to hear the Budget PCBs.
- Budget PCB Amendments due by 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 27
- Wednesday, March 29: House will publish the GAA, Implementing Bill and Conforming Bills to be considered on the House Floor the following week.
- Floor Amendment deadline is 9 a.m. the business day before the GAA is considered on Special Order.

Here are complete sets of preliminary budget proposals for Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees.

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs' Budget Proposals for FY 2023-24:

- Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government 3/21/23
- Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice 3/21/23
- Appropriations Committee on Education 3/21/23 This spreadsheet included an overview of the Senates Proposed funding for the FEFP – K-12 .
- Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services 3/21/23
- Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development 3/21/23

House Appropriations Subcommittee Chairs' Budget Proposals for FY 2023-24:

- Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee 3/21/23
- Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee 3/21/23
- Justice Appropriations Subcommittee 3/21/23
- State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee 3/21/23
- PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee 3/22/23 This spreadsheet included an overview of the House's Proposed funding for the FEFP – K-12 .
- Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee 3/22/23
- Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee 3/22/23

Legislative Calendars

[Senate Calendar 3-23-23](#)

[House Calendar for 3-23-23](#)

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

[Link the Florida House of Representatives](#)

[The Florida Channel](#)

Headlines Around the State

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis goes on the offense against Donald Trump

Bloomberg: DeSantis Strikes Back After Weeks of Trump Attacking Him

NYTimes: DeSantis, Doubling Down, Presses Questions About Trump's Character

FlaPol: Donald Trump predicts Vivek Ramaswamy could overtake Ron DeSantis in 2024 polling

Bloomberg: DeSantis's Election Fraud Police Spur Copycat Efforts in GOP-Led States

Herald: After DeSantis tussle, Disney World will host a major summit on gay rights

Sentinel: Florida DCF looks to take over child protection investigations amid turnover, vacancy surge

Post: Congress to take up ban on student menstrual history questions with Parental Bill of Rights

My News 13: Florida crime survivors call for expanded victim services

Post: Nearly 1M Florida residents may lose their health care starting April 1. Why?

FlaPol: Wilton Simpson wants saving farms treated as national security concern

News4Jax: 'Don't Say Gay' lawmaker pleads guilty to COVID relief fraud

Times: Former state Rep. Joe Harding pleads guilty to 3 charges

News4Jax: Jacksonville mayoral candidates Daniel Davis, Donna Deegan headed to May general election

Sun-Sentinel: So you think your seawall is high enough. If it's not 5 feet, think again.

NBC Miami: Florida Among Top 6 States With Alarming Spread of Deadly Fungal Infection. Here's What You Need to Know

Herald: South Florida's housing market bucks U.S. trend. Economic uncertainty looms, though

NBC Miami: Gov. DeSantis Expected to Sign Florida's Tort Reform Bill Into Law

WUSF: A Senate panel's approval of a 6-week abortion ban in Florida draws reaction from both sides

Sentinel: Florida rule would expand so-called 'don't say gay' to 12th grade

WLRN: 'Very offensive': Amid housing crisis, state could soon override local tenant laws

Bradenton Herald: Can't afford private school? Here's how a proposed school voucher expansion may help

WUSF: Year-round school in Florida to address COVID-19 learning losses? A pilot program could address that

Sentinel: Florida House panel backs limited year-round schools plan

WLRN: As population spikes, Florida targets waning nurse numbers with 'historic' \$125 million investment

WLRN: Lawmakers say CNAs taking more responsibility is one way to address nursing home worker shortage

FlaPol: Senate's proposed health care budget makes training new physicians a top priority

FlaPol: Billions in environmental funding eyed by Senate committee

Times: Alimony overhaul bill is back again in the Florida Legislature

FlaPol: Fentrice Driskell's historic cemeteries bill clears second committee

FlaPol: Senate panel OKs term limits for County Commission, School Board

FlaPol: Tallahassee, other cities decry move to cap use of city utility funds

FlaPol: Municipal utilities say PSC regulation would harm customers, taxpayers

WLRN: Florida campground owners could get legal protections from lawsuits

FlaPol: Communications tax cut sails through first Senate stop

Times: Lawmakers push for return to elected superintendent for Hernando schools

PNJ: Escambia School Board votes against return to elected superintendent

Democrat: Mayor Dailey: Bill limiting utility transfer to general fund a '\$10M hit' to city budget

On The Docket This Week

Refer to House and Senate Calendars above for specific items on the meeting agendas

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

Legislature:

- **HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION** - Thursday, noon - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. -House chamber, the Capitol.
- **SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION** - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. -Senate chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 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)

Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

- Senate Appropriations Committee (110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol)
- Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (412 Knott Building, the Capitol) - 15 minutes after House floor session
- House Rules Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

Also:

- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- ‘CAT FUND’ - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. -<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6335788850081550427>. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 973664296.
- MEDICAID DRUGS - - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The state Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board is scheduled to meet. -
<https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/97557867206?pwd=L1czQ2NqdmcyWTgzU0dzZFRYTWRBUT09>. Call-in number: 1-646-518-9805. Webinar ID: 97557867206
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL- Thursday, 7 p.m. - The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. -Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/565107293>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 565107293

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

Legislature:

- **HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION** - Friday, 11 a.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. -House chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 8 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)

Also:

- PREFERRED DRUG LIST - Friday, 8:30 a.m. s-
<https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/91753249306?pwd=VU5NNFgrR114VEd6blU2T09rNlpnZz09>. Call-in number: 1-646-518-9805. Webinar ID: 91753249306
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE HELD - 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 meet. -Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High-Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. <https://meet.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 will release a February unemployment report.
- ALZHEIMER'S ISSUES - Friday, noon. - The state Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. -Innovation Tower, 265 East Rollins St., 12th Floor, Orlando. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84309666365?pwd=NDlzcXN0VWRBNkRyUWtZUGIEZ1hJUT09>. Meeting ID: 84309666365. Code: 585657
- MEDICAID MONEY - Friday, 1:30 p.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will discuss county contributions to Medicaid. -117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

About the Briefing!

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