



On this day in 1970 Apollo 13 announces "*Okay, Houston, we've had a problem here*", as oxygen tank explodes enroute to Moon

## *The Briefing for Thursday – April 13 - 2023*

Day 38 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 22 days til Sine Die!

*The last Briefing was Tuesday – April 11 - 2023*

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

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

### *Links to Monitor the Legislative Session*

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

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

*[The Florida Channel](#)*

### *The Quick*

#### *Week Six is coming to a close – Three Weeks to Go!*

- **Sovereign Immunity** bills amending caps have not been moving – rumors are that this issue will not move any more! Prediction – bill is dead for this session.
- **Rural Economic Development** legislation is positioned in both the House and Senate and indications are that the bill will continue to move through the process. Prediction – all indications are good!
- **Agricultural Lands legislation** – HB 1343 and SB 1184 contain a provision that pre-empts the use of any special assessment on land classified as Agriculture. This will have a July 1 impact and effect your budgets next year. My testimony expressing concern is attached. [Testimony in opposition to proposed legislation](#). Prediction – bill will be amended to mitigate the impact on small counties.
- **School Start Times** – SB 1112 was TEMPORARILY PASSED in Senate Ed. Approps yesterday. Senator Burgess indicated that an amendment was being prepared to enable districts to convey costs/concerns, etc. We will see when the amendment is posted. HB 733 has passed the House and is Senate messages. Prediction – this bill will pass in some form – there will be a 3 year delay for implementation.
- **Term limits** – HB 477 and SB 1110 – House bill deals only with reduction of School Board term limit from 12 to 8 years. Senate bill establishes 8 year term limits for county commissioners and school Board members. House bill has passed the House and is in the Senate – the Senate Bill has one more committee stop before it hits the floor. Prediction – Uncertain! Enough said!
- **School Funding** – Funding for School Districts is outlined in the FEFP proposals for the House and Senate. There are major differences between the Senate and House proposed distribution K-12 Funding. [House Conforming Bill - Revising the FEFP](#)
- **Tax Breaks** - The Florida House rolled out a wide-ranging \$1.38 billion package of tax breaks for businesses and shoppers, while the Senate continues to work out details of an “aggressive” tax plan. [Staff Analysis of House Tax Package](#)

## **A Focus on School Funding**

[Here is a DOE Report explaining how the State funding program works.](#)

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](#)

[House Conforming Bill - Revising the FEFP](#)

- The Senate is taking the more traditional approach using the existing formula maintaining existing categorical funding and continuation of the Sparsity formula.
- The House is making significant changes to the existing FEFP through the elimination of the **Sparsity Supplement and ten other funding categories** that have ensured specific funding for priority areas and provided base funding that assures small districts with sufficient funds to better address program requirements.
- The elimination of the categorical funding will have a number of impacts –
  - Several of the categorical programs include base funding ensuring a minimum level of funding that will not be available if the categorical is eliminated.
  - Rolling the categorical funds into the base exposes previously sequestered funds to collective bargaining process.
  - Eliminating categorical funding does not eliminate the responsibility of the districts to implement and comply with program requirements.
  - Rolling categorical funding into the FEFP eliminating base funding elements which have been beneficial to small districts.
- **Small districts benefit from categorical funding because it ensures an allotment enabling districts to implement priority areas with specific funding.**

<b><i>Funding component</i></b>	<b><i>House Proposal</i></b>	<b><i>Senate Proposal</i></b>
Sparsity Supplement	Eliminated	<b>\$65,281,755</b>
Funding Compression/Hold Harmless	Eliminated	\$73,705,161
Instructional Material Allocation	Eliminated	\$249,245,747
Mental Health Assistance	Eliminated	<b>\$160,000,000 - Each district receives a minimum of \$100,000</b>
Reading Allocation	Eliminated	<b>\$170,000,000 - Each district receives a minimum of \$115,000</b>
Safe Schools Allocation	Eliminated	<b>\$250,000,000 - Each district receives a minimum of \$250,000</b>
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

## **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.

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## **Headlines Around The State**

*Politico: DeSantis to head to D.C. as he nears presidential bid*

*FlaPol: Facing poll deficits, Ron DeSantis slates second Iowa trip*

*NYTimes: Criss-Crossing the '24 Campaign Trail, Before the Campaign Is Official*

*Sentinel: Might Gov. Ron DeSantis not run for president after all?*

*The Floridian: Newsom ad Attacks DeSantis' Education 'Takeover'*

*NBC Miami: Gov. DeSantis Surrogates Escalate Tit-For-Tat Versus Disney*

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*The Floridian: Steube Says Alvin Bragg's Lawsuit Against Congress Means He's Hiding Something*

*FlaPol: Nikki Fried says Ron DeSantis wants to bring 6-week abortion ban to White House*

*The Floridian: Democrats, Soto Believe Ron DeSantis' Permitless Carry Law is a 'Terrible Setback'*

*Sun-Sentinel: Political, civic and religious leaders condemn range of actions from Florida Legislature*

*Democrat: Critics warn DeSantis is hurting Florida universities with push to the political right*

*WUSF: FSU professors and others warn of a brain drain as lawmakers weigh a controversial higher ed bill*

*Herald: Lawmakers sought to remove DEI from higher ed. Now they're scrubbing it from the bill*

*FlaPol: Darren Soto, Fentrice Driskell say Florida Republicans live on Joe Biden's dime*

*Democrat: LGBTQ, immigrant advocacy groups issue Florida travel advisory over DeSantis policies*

*FlaPol: Equality Florida, Florida Immigrant Coalition warn against travel to Sunshine State*

*Times: What books are appropriate for Florida schools? Two teachers seek clarity*

*City & State FL: Explainer: What it's like to be on Florida's death row*

*News4Jax: Florida executes ninja killer for 1989 murders of couple in Flagler County*

*CBS Miami: Florida lawmakers pass crackdown on fans on the field*

*Herald Tribune: Independent voters now outnumber Democrats in Sarasota County*

*Times-Union: Daniel Davis, Donna Deegan report seven-figure net worths. How'd they make their money?*

*News4Jax: Jury selection for teen killer's mother to begin May 15 in tampering with evidence trial*

*Daily News: Collier leaders pass 'health freedom' ordinance to protect individual liberties*

*Democrat: As DeSantis barnstorms, bill concealing travel records nears passage in Florida Capitol*

*Politico: Meet the Florida Republicans who oppose the 6-week abortion ban*

*WUSF: The Florida Senate passes a bill aimed at blocking children from attending drag shows*

*WLRN: Several crime bills are close to passing the Florida legislature*

*FlaPol: Paul Renner highlights death penalty, criminal justice bills*

*FlaPol: House moves forward with \$1.4B tax cut plan*

*Democrat: Florida bathroom bill could face legal fight after lawmaker calls trans people 'mutants'*

*The Capitolist: Bipartisan support in House, Senate pushing KidCare eligibility expansion*

*FlaPol: Florida KidCare expansion may be a done deal as chambers move leaders' health care priorities*

*My News 13: Proposed bill would add missing persons' names to new national registry*

*FlaPol: Bill regulating on-campus speakers heads to final Senate committee*

*The Capitolist: House subcommittee advances teacher mobility bill, promoting reciprocity with other states*

*FlaPol: Senate bill could alter political future of 286 County Commissioners*

*FlaPol: Proposed land conservation expansion takes a step forward*

*FlaPol: House environmental package in transit to final committee*

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*Post: Timeline of emails: What really happened when FHSAA removed menstrual questions?*

*FlaPol: China crackdown bills keep moving in Senate, House*

*FlaPol: House panel moves hemp bill with THC cap, age restriction*

*FlaPol: Hope for corals pinned to dredging study bill*

*Times: Florida lawmakers aim to ease condo confusion, but money questions remain*

*The Capitolist: Senate clears Collegiate Purple Star Campuses for veteran higher education assistance*

*News4Jax: Lawmakers propose harsher penalties for catalytic converter thefts*

*FlaPol: Get out of the fast lane! New bill to stop drivers hogging the left lane advances in committee*

*City & State FL: Crime data doesn't back up claims of 'dangerous' downtown Tallahassee*

*FlaPol: Senate approves bill stripping away last anti-pit bull city ordinances*

*FlaPol: Lawmakers eye \$5M in annual spending for Apalachicola Bay restoration*

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

### **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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