



**2023 Legislative Session Reaches 2/5ths Mark!  
36 Days to Go!**

## ***The Briefing for Thursday – March 30 - 2023***

Day 24 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 36 Days til Sine Die!

*The last Briefing was Wednesday – March 29- 2023*

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### **Final Four Matchups**

**Friday – Two Women's NCAA Semi-Final Games**

LSU vs Virginia Tech – 7:00pm

Iowa vs South Carolina – 9:00pm

**Saturday - Two Men's NCAA Semi-Final Games**

Florida Atlantic vs San Diego State – 6:09pm

University of Miami vs University of Connecticut – 8:49pm

### **The Quick**

#### **Budget Proposals Ready for Floor Action**

Both the Senate and House have completed committee work.

Proposals will be considered by the Full House and Senate on Monday – April 3.

The documents are word searchable.

<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>
<a href="#">Senate FEFP Proposal for 23-24</a>	<a href="#">House Proposed FEFP for 23-24</a>

#### **A Couple of Issues At a Glance**

- Funding for Deputy Sheriffs Salaries are continued in both the House and Senate. The Senate budget provides additional funding for County Correctional Officers – the House budget does not!

- Funding for SCOP and SCRAP are included in both budgets but neither bill includes the Non-recurring funds that supplemented the programs in the current year.
- Funding for Fiscally Constrained programs are included in both budgets.
- The Senate budget for education maintains the current structure of the FEFP. The House proposal for education substantially restructures the FEFP through the elimination of Categorical programs and the Sparsity Supplement.
- Visit Florida and Enterprise Florida are funded in the Senate Budget – No funding is provided in the House Budget.
- Sparsity Funding for small districts is funded in the Senate Budget – it is not funded in the House Budget.

### **House Committee Approves Bill Authorizing Grant Funds to Be Advanced to Rural Counties**

The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee met Wednesday and approved HB 413 - Financial Assistance for Rural Communities. The bill entitled Financial Assistance for Rural Communities: Requires certain agency agreements to advance funds rather than issuing funds on a reimbursement basis. Effective Date: July 1, 2023. Similar language is also included in SB 1482 by Sen. Simon which was approved earlier in a Senate Committee.

### **School Start Time Bill HB 733 up for passage in the House of Representatives**

The House is scheduled for consideration of HB 733 which restricts school start times for Middle and High Schools. The House considered the bill on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading today and have it scheduled for passage in the House tomorrow. The Senate bill SB 1112 has moved through only 1 of 3 committees in the Senate.

### **Term Limits – SB1110 and HB 477**

SB 1110 has passed 1 of 3 committees. The Senate bill currently establishes 8 year term limits for County Commissioners and reduces the 12 year School Board term limit to 8 years. The House Bill – HB 477 pertains only to School Board members and has passed the House and is in Senate Rules Committee.

### **Legislative Calendars**

**Check the House and Senate Calendars for all of the items on the agenda.**

[March 30, 2023 \(flsenate.gov\)](https://flsenate.gov)

[March 30, 2023 \(myfloridahouse.gov\)](https://myfloridahouse.gov)

### **Links to Monitor the Legislative Session**

*Link to the Florida Senate*

*Link the Florida House of Representatives*

*The Florida Channel*

### **Headlines Around The State**

*NYTimes: DeSantis Burnishes Tough-on-Crime Image to Run in '24 and Take On Trump*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump campaign accuses Ron DeSantis of campaigning 'illegally'*

*FlaPol: Donald Trump needles Ron DeSantis' 'neocan rhetoric' on Ukraine/Russia war*

*FlaPol: Nikki Haley claims people don't want the 'drama' from Ron DeSantis, Donald Trump*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis flogs Fed for 'perverse incentives' in monetary policy, interest rates*

*FlaPol: Vivek Ramaswamy blasts 'plastic politician' Ron DeSantis for 'shadow' presidential campaign*

*News4Jax: DeSantis' board says Disney stripped them of power*

*The Capitolist: DeSantis: Reedy Creek Board snuck in last-minute deal allowing Disney to retain developmental power*

*Times: Disney stripped power of board before DeSantis takeover, new board says*

*Sun-Sentinel: After cardiac arrest, NFL's Damar Hamlin backs Cherfilus-McCormick's plan for more defibrillators in schools*

*Times: Here's why Florida's home insurance hotline is only open 3 hours a day*

*AP: Anatomy of a political takeover at Florida public college*

*WLRN: Florida justices asked to reconsider death sentence in 1989 murder case*

*Herald Tribune: Sarasota School Board poised to hire ex-Hillsdale College curriculum specialist as consultant*

*Times: 2 DeSantis election fraud cases end with guilty pleas in Hillsborough*

*News4Jax: Fiona, Ian retired from list of tropical cyclone names*

*CBS Miami: A behind-the-scenes look at active shooter drill by Miami police*

*TCPalm: Could it happen here? Railroad chemical spills rare but possible along Florida's east coast*

*WLRN: The Broward school district considered abstinence-focused sex ed. Board members rejected it*

*Today: SpaceX sends more Starlink satellites to orbit for Florida's only launch this week*

*City & State FL: Will the town of Loxahatchee finally become official?*

*My News 13: DeSantis signs 'Live Local Act' aimed at increasing affordable housing*

*Sentinel: DeSantis signs \$711M affordable housing bill. Advocates say it doesn't go far enough.*

*Bradenton Herald: DeSantis signs affordable housing bill. It includes some restrictions on local rules*

*Times: DeSantis would get this nearly unprecedented new power under Florida bill*

*FlaPol: Locked and loaded: GOP lawmakers line up sights to pass permitless carry bill*

*Democrat: Florida lawmakers' union restrictions bill: Paycheck protection or political payback?*

*Sentinel: Florida Senate passes public-employee union restrictions*

*FlaPol: Senate votes to ax automatic public sector union dues*

*The Capitolist: Outgoing Supreme Court Justice to serve as general counsel for Citizens Insurance*

*FlaPol: House environmental protection package advances*

*FlaPol: New death penalty rules readied for Senate passage*

*Democrat: College faculty say erosion of tenure threatens Florida competitiveness*

*Times: Post-tenure review regulation for Florida university professors approved*

*CBS Miami: Florida lawmakers seek to make restrooms exclusive for males, females*

*Bradenton Herald: Legislators back a bill to let utilities convert methane gas, pass cost to customers*

*Times-Union: Jacksonville City Council calls state legislation an attack on JEA*

*Sentinel: House bill would make counties pay for Visit Florida*

*TCPalm: Treasure Coast officials rally against bill that may cut Visit FL*

*WLRN: Florida sees fewer manatee starvation deaths as feeding ends*

*The Capitolist: State designates Hurricane Ian Chief Recovery Director to assist with damage claims*

*FlaPol: Report: Step therapy exemption bills could save Florida \$52M*

*FlaPol: Lawmakers set aside millions for arts and culture grants*

*FlaPol: Buckle up: More specific child car seats requirements advance*

*Herald: Will driving in the left lane on Florida highways be banned? What to know about changes*

*FlaPol: Lawmakers look to give more liability protections to SpaceX, aerospace companies*

*FlaPol: Deepwater channel dredging exempted from House coral protections bill*

*Sun-Sentinel: How Palm Beach County will 'attract families to our schools' as Florida expands voucher program*

*Democrat: FAMU alumnus expected to 'bring energy and fresh ideas' as university's newest trustee*

*FlaPol: FPL IT chief Alan Gonzalez to serve on FIU board of trustees*

*FlaPol: Crackdown on kids driving golf carts rolls through House committee*

*Star-Banner: Book controversy: Residents pack Marion County School Board meeting to share concerns*

*WUSF: Red tide is back in Manatee and Sarasota counties*

## ***On the Docket Week Four***

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023**

#### **Legislature:**

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 11:30 a.m.: The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.

#### **OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

##### **Friday, 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:**

- BOARD OF MEDICINE - Friday, 8 a.m.: The Florida Board of Medicine will meet. The Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- '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.

- FIGA BOARD - Friday, 10 a.m.: The Florida Insurance Guaranty Association Board of Directors will meet. Information at <https://figafacts.com/meetings/>
- TRIUMPH BOARD - Friday, 10:30 a.m. Central time.: The board of Triumph Gulf Coast, which helps oversee settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will take up issues related to the Bay County school district, Okaloosa County and Northwest Florida State College. Northwest Florida State College, Student Service Center, 100 College Blvd., Niceville.

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