



The Briefing for Tuesday – March 27- 2023

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The Quick

Governor Signs Florida's "Universal" Voucher Bill.

Governor DeSantis wasted little time approving Florida's Universal Voucher bill. He signed the bill yesterday in Miami-Dade County. The Senate voted last Thursday to approve HB 1 – a bill that provides a School Voucher to virtually all school aged students. The Senate vote comes a week after the House passed it. The bill will make every Florida student eligible to receive vouchers and eliminates current income-eligibility requirements. The bill allows home-schooled students to receive vouchers and will create what are known as "education savings accounts" that allow recipients to use voucher funds for purchases beyond private-school tuition.

House Proposal Requires local TDC's to fund Visit Florida

(PCB) RRS 23-02 by the House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee

The House Committee will consider the legislation this afternoon. The bill will have a significant impact on Visit Florida – Florida's Promotion Arm. The Small County Coalition will express opposition to the proposal. Here's what the bill does:

- Redirects Local Tourist Development Tax receipts to fund VISIT FLORIDA
- Sunsets all currently authorized Tourist Development Tax levies as of July 1, 2028 unless renewed by referendum
- Limits the term of any future enacted Tourist Development Tax levy to six years
- Requires a referendum for all future Tourist Development Taxes

House and Senate Appropriations Committees Move General Appropriations Act for each chamber
Appropriations Committees in both the Florida House and Senate are deliberating today on each chamber's respective proposal for the General Appropriations Act for FY 23-24. After adoption by the committees – the bills will go to the House and Senate Floor. Probably next week.

School Start Times Moves forward in House and Senate

HB 733 is being heard on the floor in the House and SB 1112 was heard in its first committee. Both bills restrict Middle Schools from starting before 8:00am and High Schools no earlier than 8:30am. Both bills delay the start time requirement until July 1, 2026. The delay in start time is purported to give school districts the time needed for implementation. The Small School District Council Consortium has communicated to House and Senate members the problems that this type of requirement will cause:

Accommodating Bus Schedules to meet the new start times.

Safety of earlier start times for elementary students

Impact on Inter-County competitions – either starting later or lost instruction time.

Impact on after work schedules with later dismissal.

Impact on Child-Care in the afternoon

Disruption of transportation/work schedules for parents dropping kids off at school.

The SSDCC is requesting that provisions be adopted that enable local circumstances and waivers or exemptions from the requirement. Although the later start time is helpful – it is the reason being given for this proposal not being an immediate issue.

Legislative Calendars

[March 28 - Senate Calendar](#)

[March 28 - 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

FlaPol: Donald Trump claims Ron DeSantis could be 'working in a pizza parlor' without his endorsement

FlaPol: Donald Trump rolls out 'Ron Dukakis' nickname

WUSF: Parents say a lawsuit aims to block Florida's 'cruel' ban on gender-affirming care for minors

WLRN: Challenge to 'Don't Say Gay' bill goes to federal appeals court

Times: Florida court clerks slammed by cases just before new lawsuit rules approved

Sentinel: Central Florida courts inundated with civil cases as tort reform bill becomes law

WLRN: Florida's 'anti-illegal immigration bill' targets more than just undocumented migrants

Democrat: Parents ask for Tallahassee Classical board chair to resign over 'David' art lesson firestorm

WUSF: After Hurricane Ian, Fort Myers Beach struggles to become 'a functional paradise'

NBC Miami: 'This One Hits Me': Parkland Parents React to School Shooting That Killed 3 Kids, 3 Adults in Nashville

Sentinel: State attorney counters Osceola sheriff's claims on drug trafficking cases

NBC Miami: Miami Beach Prepared to Enforce Emergency Curfew For Spring Break 2024 Following Vote by Officials

Herald: Miami Beach officials vote for a curfew and secured perimeter during spring break 2024

News-Press: 6 months after Hurricane Ian's crushing blow, what's next for Fort Myers Beach? What we know

NBC Miami: Drivers Could Face Harsh Penalties as Illegal Street Racing Takes Over South Florida — Here's What We Know

CBS Miami: Florida Supreme Court turns down Miami firefighter defamation case

Herald: Jeffrey Veltri named as FBI's top agent in South Florida. He was an assistant PD in Broward

City & State FL: Where'd Ron go? Keeping track of Florida Gov. DeSantis' out-of-state travels

WLRN: In Miami, DeSantis signs contentious school voucher expansion bill

NBC Miami: DeSantis Signs Bill to Expand Florida Voucher Program: How It Impacts Schools and Students

My News 13: DeSantis signs bill authorizing school vouchers for all Florida students

Democrat: DeSantis signs major school voucher expansion in Florida, amid cost questions

FlaPol: Senate Democrats hammer school choice expansion, criticizing costs, accountability and quality

FlaPol: House moves on Gov. DeSantis' call for centralized digital currency ban

FlaPol: Senate panel moves pharmacy regulation bill, a top priority for Gov. Ron DeSantis

FlaPol: Americans for Tax Reform says PBM bills could backfire

Politico: From drag shows to pronouns: Florida GOP takes aim at LGBTQ issues

WUSF: Efforts to add open carry to a permitless carry bill in Florida fail

Bradenton Herald: Amid conservative media opposition, sponsor of Florida defamation bill seeks changes

Times: Hunting, fishing could be enshrined in Florida Constitution under proposal

City & State FL: Bill to make school board races partisan gets support in Florida Senate

The Capitolist: House bill proposes increase to maximum interest rates for consumer finance loans

FlaPol: House subcommittee greenlights \$100M Florida Forever plan

WLRN: Lawmakers look to increase penalties for people who attack hospital personnel

FlaPol: Proposed study looks at taking phosphogypsum out of stacks, into roads

FlaPol: Venomous reptile bill amended to apply only to nonnative species

FlaPol: House panel drives bill blocking auto glass repair lawsuits to final committee stop

My News 13: Tampa lawmaker files resolution condemning local meeting with Cuba delegates

FlaPol: Senate declares August as 'Amblyopia Awareness Month'

FlaPol: Robyn Hattaway files for open SD 19 seat

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis reappoints Brad Levine to FAU board of trustees

FlaPol: Senate panel backs bill shielding roller-skating rink owners from liability suits

CBS Miami: Bills seek to revoke Miami-Dade's 34-year-old pit bull ban

On the Docket Week Four

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

Legislature:

- **HOUSE BUDGET** - Tuesday, 8 a.m.: The House Appropriations Committee will consider an initial \$113 billion budget proposal (PCB APC 23-01) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which will start July 1. The committee also will take up a series of budget-related bills. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **ABORTION RESTRICTION** - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.: The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 300), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that seeks to prevent abortions after six weeks of pregnancy. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SENATE BUDGET** - Tuesday, 9 a.m.: The Senate Appropriations Committee will consider an initial \$113.7 billion budget proposal (SPB 2500) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, which will start July 1. The committee also will take up a series of budget-related bills. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS** - Tuesday, 2 p.m.: The House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1607), filed by Rep. Dean Black, R-Jacksonville, that seeks to prevent the removal of historical monuments and memorials. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS** - Tuesday, 2 p.m.: The House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1509), filed by Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Pete Beach, that would make a series of changes related to pharmacy benefit managers. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **YEAR-ROUND SCHOOLS** - Tuesday, 2 p.m.: The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 891), filed by Rep. Patricia Williams, D-Pompano Beach, that would create a pilot program for year-round schools. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **VACATION RENTALS** - Tuesday, 2 p.m.: The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 833), filed by Rep. Wyman Duggan, R-Jacksonville, that would address regulations for vacation-rental properties. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- **ENTERPRISE FLORIDA BOARD** - Tuesday, 9 a.m.: The Enterprise Florida Board of Directors is expected to meet. Florida State University, Champions Club, Tallahassee.
- **FLORIDA CITY GAS RATES** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.: The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a meeting on a proposed rate increase by Florida City Gas. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- **STATE INVESTMENTS** - Tuesday, 1 p.m.: The state Investment Advisory Council will meet. The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

Legislature:

- 'ESG' INVESTMENT DECISIONS - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.: The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 302), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would prevent government investment decisions involving "environmental, social and governance" standards, known as ESG. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol
- DEVELOPMENT REFERENDUMS - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.: The Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 856), filed by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Doral, that would prevent referendums on amendments to local land-development regulations. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SECRETARY OF STATE REVIEW - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.: The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will hold confirmation hearings for Secretary of State Cord Byrd, Department of Management Services Secretary Pedro Allende and Division of Administrative Hearings Chief Judge Brian Newman. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LOCAL TENANT LAWS - Wednesday, noon.: The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1586), filed by Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that would lead to state law trumping local regulations governing landlords and tenants. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- AEROSPACE LEGAL PROTECTIONS - Wednesday, noon.: The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will take up a bill (SB 1318), filed by Chairman Tom Wright, R-New Smyrna Beach, that would extend liability protections to aerospace companies when crew members are injured or killed in spaceflights. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- WINE CONTAINER LIMITS - Wednesday, noon.: The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will consider a proposal (SB 534), filed by Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that would eliminate a law limiting the sizes of wine containers that can be sold. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE UNIONS - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.: The Senate will hold a floor session and could vote on a bill (SB 256) filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would make a series of changes targeting public-employee unions, including preventing workers from having union dues deducted from their paychecks. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 a.m.

- House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.

- House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol)

Wednesday, 3 p.m.

- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol)
- House Education Quality Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

Also:

- CITIZENS INSURANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.: The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Sheraton Orlando North, 600 North Lake Destiny Road, Maitland. Information at <https://www.citizensfla.com/-/20230329-bog>
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m.: The state university system's Board of Governors will meet after a series of committee meetings. Committees start at 9 a.m., with full board scheduled at 10:45 a.m. Florida A&M University, H. Manning Efferson Student Union Building, 1628 South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tallahassee.
- 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
- SELF-INSURERS BOARD - Wednesday, 11 a.m.: The Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association, 1427 East Piedmont Dr., Tallahassee.
- I-95 INTERCHANGE - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing about a project-development and environment study related to the Interstate 95 interchange at U.S. 1 in Volusia County. <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4208227250494676238>. Call-in number: 1-866-901-6455. Code: 354879147
- TURNPIKE WIDENING - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting in Osceola County about a project to widen Florida's Turnpike from Neptune Road to north of Osceola Parkway. St. Cloud Community Center, 3101 17th St., St. Cloud.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

Legislature:

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 11 a.m.: The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 1:30 p.m.: The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Thursday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session.: The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 8 a.m.

- House Health & Human Services Committee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Ways & Means Committee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

- Senate Rules Committee (412 Knott Building, the Capitol)

Also:

- **FIRST COMMUNITY RATES** - Thursday, 10 a.m.: The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing about a proposal by First Community Insurance Co. to raise property-insurance rates. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8903990727193966687>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2071. Code: 200978519
- **APALACHEE PLANNING COUNCIL** - Thursday, 10 a.m.: The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee.
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS** - Thursday, 11 a.m.: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- **PROPERTY INSURANCE RATE HIKE** - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing about a proposal by Kin Interinsurance Network to raise property-insurance rates. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1929803865355438173>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2074. Code: 750426549
- **I-95 INTERCHANGE** - Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing about a project-development and environment study related to the Interstate 95 interchange at U.S. 1 in Volusia County. The Chapel, 1805 U.S. 1, Ormond Beach.

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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