



## ***The Briefing for Wednesday – March 22 - 2023***

**Day 15 Of the 60 day Legislative Session – 45 Days til Sine Die!**

***The last Briefing was Tuesday – March 22 - 2023***

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### ***At The Capitol***

***Florida Heart Day***

***2023 Moffitt Day***

***Broward County Day***

***Firefighter Day in the Capitol***

***Tourism Day***

***Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Day***

***Hillsborough Day***

***Reclaiming Florida's Future For All Day***

### ***State Board of Education***

The State Board of Education will hold a meeting at 10:30am in Tallahassee at the Tallahassee Community College – the meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.. Here is a link to the agenda - [Agenda](#)  
An update will be provided by Mr. Joseph “Joe” Taylor, Superintendent, Washington County School District, and current Chair of the Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC), on behalf of FADSS.

***You can watch the meeting on [The Florida Channel](#)***

### ***Senate and House Budget Proposals***

As anticipated – the House and Senate Appropriation Subcommittees started Wednesday releasing budget proposals that will serve as the starting point for developing the GAA for FY 23-24. Provided below are the links to the various proposals – they are wordsearchable – so you can look to see if you Local Budget Requests made it into the start documents.

Please note that the House and Senate are taking significantly different directions in relation to the Florida Education Finance Program – the formula for distributing funding to K-12 programs.

#### **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
- [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 due 3/22/23*
- *Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee due 3/22/23*
- *Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee due 3/22/23*

**Term Limits Moves Forward in the Senate**

The Senate Ethics and Elections considered and passed SB 1110 – 8 year term limits for county commissioner and school board members. Here is the link to the committee meeting – [Presentation and Discussion on SB 1110 Term limits for County Commissioners and School Board members](#)

The discussion of term limits begins at the 35:40 minute time mark. My testimony begins at the 44:45 mark followed by Commissioner John Meeks -Levy; Commissioner Matt Brooks – Levy; and, Commissioner Ralph Thomas – Wakulla. The discussion of the bill went for an hour. Based on comments – several of the committee members that voted for the bill requested some consideration for accommodating the concerns of the small communities before the bill hits the floor.

**HB 733 - School Start Times will be considered in House Committee on Thursday**

*School officials from Florida’s small counties express concern regarding mandates in HB 773– Middle School and High School Start Times.*

HB 733 establishes statewide restrictions requiring that no later than July 1, 2026, the instructional day **for all public and charter** middle schools must begin no earlier than 8:00am and no earlier than 8:30am for high schools. This “one way for all” is not reasonable considering the differences that exist in the 67 school districts. School officials, parents, and students have expressed the following concerns -

- School officials have safety concerns for our youngest and most vulnerable!! The change will have elementary school students waiting for buses and walking to school in the dark! In rural areas youngsters will be waiting for buses in the dark. Many children will be walking to school in the dark.
- The bill creates child-care concerns! Many middle and high school students are responsible for taking care of younger family members.
- The change will impact student work schedules and extra-curricular activities. Later start times will impact high schools that have students and teams participating in extra-curricular activities. After school time will be reduced, limiting participation after school and challenge the ability to transport kids to competitive events.

A draft amendment has been shared the bill sponsor that does require all school districts to focus on sleep deprivation and requires each district to provide information about the health, safety, and academic impacts of sleep deprivation and the benefits of sufficient sleep on academic achievement for publication on the district’s website. The amendment requires all districts to discuss and establish school start times annually in an open, publicly noticed meeting. Hopefully the committee will see the reasonableness of this language.

**Here are the email addresses for the House Education and Employment Committee**

Please consider sending an email to the full committee requesting that the bill be changed from a mandate to more reasonable language that accommodates the differences amongst the 67 counties. If you send an

email copy this list of addresses and insert the complete list into the To: slot. Also send me a copy of your email.

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### **Legislative Calendars**

[Wednesdays Senate Calendar](#)

[Wednesdays House Calendar](#)

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

[Link to the Florida Senate](#)

[Link the Florida House of Representatives](#)

[The Florida Channel](#)

### **On The Docket This Week**

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023**

##### **Legislature:**

- DEATH PENALTY CHANGES - Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will consider a proposal (SB 450), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would allow judges to impose death sentences without unanimous jury recommendations. -412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DENTAL ISSUES - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 356), filed by Chairman Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would make a series of changes related to dentists. -412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- COMP PLAN CHALLENGES - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 540), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would allow prevailing parties to recover attorney fees in challenges to comprehensive growth-management plans. -401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- POLITICAL 'LOYALTY TESTS' - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 958), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that would prevent colleges and universities from using "political loyalty tests" in hiring, admissions and promotions. -110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MINIMUM WAGE - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will consider a proposal Time (SB 892), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would exempt minor-league baseball players from Florida's minimum-wage law. -37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. - The Florida Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. -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 (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

**Wednesday, noon.**

- House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee (Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol)
- House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee (212 Knott Building, the Capitol)

**Wednesday, 4 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 Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (404 House Office Building, the Capitol)

**Also:**

- 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
- OCEANS DAY - Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Florida Oceans Day will be held at the Capitol, with groups offering exhibits and holding a fish fry.
- BOARD OF ED- Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The State Board of Education will meet. -Tallahassee Community College, Student Union, 444 Appleyard Dr., Tallahassee.
- DOG RACING BAN - - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a lawsuit stemming from a 2018 constitutional amendment that banned dog racing at Florida pari-mutuels. Attorneys for Christopher D’Arcy and D’Arcy Kennel, LLC went to the appeals court in December 2021 after Leon County Circuit Judge Angela Dempsey dismissed a lawsuit alleging that the voter-approved ballot measure resulted in an unconstitutional “taking” of property. -1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.

**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=VU5NNFgrR114VEd6bU2T09rNlpnZz09>. 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.

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