



The Briefing for Wednesday – March 29- 2023

Day 23 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 37 Days til Sine Die!

The last Briefing was Tuesday – March 28- 2023

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Get Ready for the 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

Sunday – The Women's Championship Game

Monday – The Men's Championship Game

The Quick

Small County Coalition Members Push for Road Funds

SCRAP and SCOP are priority programs for Florida's small counties.

Additional Funding is requested to match current year funding levels.

- Without Additional Non-Recurring Funding Added the SCRAP and SCOP programs will be funded at \$50 million Below current year levels.

339.2816 - Small County Road Assistance Program. - The purpose of this program is to assist small county governments that have a population of 75,000 or less in resurfacing or reconstructing county roads.

339.2818 - Small County Outreach Program. - The purpose of this program is to assist small county governments that have a population of 200,000 or less in repairing or rehabilitating county bridges, paving unpaved roads, addressing road-related drainage improvements, resurfacing or reconstructing county roads, or constructing capacity or safety improvements to county roads.

Please contact your House and Senate members requesting additional funding for SCOP and SCRAP.

Current Funding Status -

- In 22-23, SCRAP was funded at \$27,673,968 from the Transportation Trust fund. SCOP was funded at \$84,985,746 from the same source. **In addition, in the 22-23 GAA, the Legislature allocated an additional \$50 million in non-recurring funding in a back of the bill provision.**
- Both the House and Senate recommend funding for SCRAP and SCOP at the following amounts – SCRAP at \$28,355,898 and SCOP at \$94,002,484. Neither the House nor the Senate have allocated any additional non-recurring funding to boost the SCRAP and SCOP appropriation. Without Additional Non-Recurring Funding Added the SCRAP and SCOP programs will be funded at \$50 million Below current year levels.

Repeal of Enterprise Florida moves forward in the House

The House Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to take up HB 5 - Economic Programs – 2023 - Economic Programs when it meets in the morning. The bill Repeals Enterprise Florida provisions and transfers all duties, records, pending issues, rules, & unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, & other public funds relating to programs in Enterprise Florida, Inc., to DEO by type two transfer; authorizes Florida Sports Foundation to enter into an agreement with DEO for certain purposes & use certain funds. Effective Date: July 1, 2023

School Start Time Bill HB 733 – Goes to House Floor

The House is scheduled to go into session Thursday afternoon. One of the bills on the agenda is HB 733 prohibiting High School start time earlier than 8:30am and Middle School Start times earlier than 8:00am. The prohibition goes into effect on July 1 of 2026. The Small School District Council Consortium has spoken against the proposal in both House and Senate committees. If you have concerns about this required you should express them to you House and Senate members.

Legislative Calendars

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

[March 29, 2023 \(flsenate.gov\)](https://flsenate.gov)

[Daily Calendar \(myfloridahouse.gov\)](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](#)

[Politico: DeSantis heading to Israel ahead of likely 2024 bid](#)

[FlaPol: Donald Trump rips 'cratering' Ron DeSantis as 'crushed in the polls'](#)

[The Floridian: DeSantis Sets Groundwork in South Carolina](#)

[Democrat: DeSantis touts anti-voter fraud focus but left anti-voter fraud program](#)

[Times: Florida OKs emergency move allowing TikTok ban at all universities](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Former Attorney General William Barr offers withering criticism, high praise for Trump — and kudos for DeSantis](#)

[Post: Bill Barr calls Trump's Jan. 6 actions 'irresponsible,' says he is impressed by DeSantis](#)

[WUSF: The David statue is an even bigger tourist attraction after a Florida principal's forced resignation](#)

Post: Is 'Don't Say Michelangelo' next? Principal ousted over nude David statue

WUSF: How Duval Schools' book debate wound up on the floor of Congress

CBS Miami: Citizens to propose rate hikes

AP: Residents of historically Black town sue to stop land sale

WUSF: The Black Cemetery Network is holding an event to raise awareness of Black cemetery rasures

City & State FL: Flags in Florida at half staff to honor Nashville school shooting victims

Times: How one Florida woman broke into the male-dominated world of construction

WUSF: Hillsborough School Board votes to ban 'This Book is Gay' from all county middle schools

Herald: Asian swamp eels spread in the Everglades. 'Potentially the worst species we've had yet'

NBC Miami: Broward School Board Hasn't Paid the Bills for School Resource Officers

WLRN: City of Miami Beach considers 'shutting the door on spring break'

NBC Miami: New Sex Education Bill Closer to Becoming Law in Florida — But What Does That Mean For Students?

WUSF: A ban on abortions after 6 weeks is ready for a full Florida Senate vote

Sun-Sentinel: Six-week abortion ban in Florida headed for full Senate vote. Law would be one of strictest in the nation

WLRN: Latino pastors want Florida lawmakers to reject a GOP immigration bill

Democrat: Florida students silently raise fists at Board of Governors meeting to protest DEI attack

News4Jax: Opponents fear Florida bill targeting DEI programs will harm cultures on college campuses

My News 13: Proposed bill would give Florida teachers a major pay bump

DBNJ: THE LIST: Florida lawmakers with real estate, construction and development ties

DBNJ: Strength or conflict of interest? Florida lawmakers' real estate ties spark debate

Sun-Sentinel: State Rep. Randy Fine says he's being considered for FAU president job. DeSantis' office calls him 'a good candidate.'

Today: Randy Fine said DeSantis approached him about FAU president job

Herald: This GOP legislator sponsored culture wars bills. Could he be FAU's next president?

FlaPol: Business groups thank Governor, lawmakers for delivering on 'tort reform'

City & State FL: After tort reform, Morgan & Morgan declares war on defense lawyers, their clients

FlaPol: Senate budgets \$15M for 'mediocre' New College amid campus reset

FlaPol: House advances bill boosting state worker pensions

The Capitolist: Florida Senate subcommittee backs boost in infrastructure, tourism

Democrat: House plan to overhaul Florida tourism revenue not welcome by industry, counties

WLRN: Proposal to make Holocaust Remembrance Day an official state holiday clears Senate committee

FlaPol: House panel advances bill protecting war monuments, including Confederate memorials

Herald: Levine Cava needs Miami-Dade's Black vote to get reelected. But has she delivered?

Times-Union: Jacksonville looks to settle redistricting case after over \$160K spent

The Capitolist: Miami and Jacksonville struggling with debt as Tampa and Orlando report taxpayer surpluses

FlaPol: Bill allowing local rules for short-term rentals advances in House

The Floridian: Broward School Board to Vote on Resolution In Support of African-American History

FlaPol: Bottoms up: House panel cheers on bill uncorking wine bottle sizes

Times: USF employee faces firing after her arrest in protest over diversity cuts

Ledger: Polk campuses have seen 6 gun arrests this school year, the latest Tuesday at Haines City

Today: Brevard school board places interim superintendent Robert Schiller on administrative leave

Today: Schiller slams Brevard School Board, adding to turmoil amid superintendent search

News4Jax: Callahan, Starke awarded state money for community development projects

On the Docket Week Four

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://attendeegotowebinar.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://attendeegotowebinar.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.

About the Briefing!

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