



Budget Conference Process Begins

The Briefing for Monday – April 24 - 2023

Day 49 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 11days til Sine Die!

The last Briefing was Thursday – April 20 - 2023

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2023 Rural Counties Days – April 25-26

Over 350 folks are registered for Rural Counties Days activities. Initiated by the Honorable Representative Bobby Payne (District 19) the event will present exhibits and booths for 28 rural counties. Rural Days provides the opportunity to showcase the unique benefits, offerings, and the importance of our Rural Counties to the overall economic success of Florida. Look forward to seeing our rural leaders next week.

- **April 26, 2023 - Rural Counties Day Capitol Plaza Courtyard - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Budget Conference Update #1

The Appropriations Subcommittees have been organized and are exchanging offers.

Listed below is the current status of the offers exchanges.

Education has not met!

The documents are word searchable – you can look for your programs or projects!

Monday Apr 24, 2023

9:00AM	Event	Location
	Budget Conference - Transportation, Tourism, And Economic Development/Infrastructure & Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Comparison - House Bill 5001/Senate Bill 2500 (798 KB) • Proviso Comparison - House Bill 5001/Senate Bill 2500 (702 KB) • House Offer #1 Budget Spreadsheet (3 MB) • Meeting Notice (69 KB) 	412 K
10:00AM	Event	Location
	Budget Conference - Criminal And Civil Justice/Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Notice (67 KB) • Budget Spreadsheet Side-by-Side (533 KB) 	404 H

- [Implementing Bill Side-by-Side and Senate Offer 1](#) (203 KB)
- [Budget Spreadsheet Senate Offer 1](#) (531 KB)
- [Back of the Bill House Offer 1](#) (434 KB)
- [Proviso House Offer 1](#) (5 MB)
- [SB 2508 Side-by-Side and Senate Offer 1](#) (324 KB)
- [SB 7018/HB 1219 Side-by-Side and Senate Offer 1](#) (246 KB)

11:45AM Event **Location**

[Budget Conference - Agriculture, Environment, And General Government/Agriculture & Natural Resources](#) 17 H

- [Meeting Notice](#) (66 KB)
- [Proviso, Back-of-the-Bill, and Implementing Bill House Offer 1](#) (4 MB)
- [Budget Comparison - Initial Side-by-Side](#) (469 KB) (Revised 04/24/23 11:15AM)
- [Proviso - Initial Side-by-Side](#) (378 KB) (Revised 04/24/23 11:15AM)
- [Budget Spreadsheet Senate Offer 1](#) (530 KB) (Revised 04/24/23 11:15AM)

12:00PM Event **Location**

[Budget Conference - Health And Human Services/Health Care](#) 412 K

- [Meeting Notice](#) (69 KB)
- [Initial Implementing Bill \(Side-by-Side\)](#) (685 KB)
- [Initial Projects \(Side-by-Side\)](#) (883 KB)
- [Initial Proviso \(Side-by-Side\)](#) (780 KB)
- [Budget Spreadsheet Senate Offer 1](#) (537 KB)
- [Projects Senate Offer 1](#) (885 KB)
- [Back of the Bill, Implementing Bill House Offer 1](#) (2 MB)
- [Initial Back of the Bill](#) (536 KB)
- [Initial Budget Spreadsheet \(Side-by-Side\)](#) (534 KB)
- [Initial Conforming Bill \(Side-by-Side\)](#) (717 KB)

12:25PM Event **Location**

[Budget Conference - Agriculture, Environment, And General Government/State Administration & Technology](#) Reed Hall 102 H

- [Meeting Notice](#) (66 KB)
- [Budget, Proviso, Back of Bill - Initial Side-by-Sides](#) (1 MB)
- [Budget Spreadsheet, Back of the Bill - Senate Offer 1](#) (770 KB)
- [Implementing Bill, SB2506/5201 - House Offer 1](#) (461 KB)

FEFP Funding Formula Remains Unresolved
House Proposal Repeals Sparsity and Categorical Funding
Small School Districts Expressing Concern regarding loss of key funding programs

- There are major differences between the Senate and House proposed distribution K-12 Funding
- Conferencing will start Monday and it is a very real risk that direct funding for key programs will be repealed.
- The Senate uses the FEFP formula most aligned with current statutes, maintaining the Sparsity Supplement and 10 categorical elements.

- The House eliminates Sparsity funding and funding for 10 additional categories that have ensured specific funding for priority areas. The House rolls funding into the general formula – exposing previously sequestered funds to collective bargaining process.
- Small districts benefit from categorical funding because it ensures an allotment enabling districts to implement priority areas with specific funding.
- The consolidation of categorical funding will eliminate the base funding component provided to each district – a component that is critical to small districts meeting the program obligation.

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

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

Link to the Florida Senate
Link the Florida House of Representatives
The Florida Channel

House and Senate Calendars for Week Eight

House Calendar
Senate Calendar

On the Docket for Week Eight

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023

Legislature:

- CONFIRMATION HEARINGS: Monday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will hold confirmation hearings for dozens of appointees, including agency heads and members of various state boards. Location: 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSE DEMOCRATS HOLD AVAILABILITY: Monday, 10 a.m. House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, and Rep. Hillary Cassel, D-Dania Beach, will hold a media availability. Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82539627709?pwd=ays5bEFpOEx2bHc0Yk9oQnlCZm10QT09>
- SCHOOL BOARD TERM LIMITS: Monday, 1 p.m. The Senate Rules Committee will take up numerous issues, including a proposal (HB 477) that would lead to eight-year term limits for county school-board members. The House passed the bill last month. Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE SPECIAL ORDER SET: Monday, 15 minutes after the Rules Committee. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which will list bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULE MEETINGS

- Monday, noon.
 - House Commerce Committee, 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
 - House Health & Human Services Committee, Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Monday, 5:15 p.m.
 - House Rules Committee, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- STATE FAIR ISSUES: Monday, 10 a.m. The Florida State Fair Authority will meet. Location: Florida State Fairgrounds, Governor's Inn, Cracker Country; 4800 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: Monday, 11 a.m. U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., will hold a news conference about legislation to improve access to drugs and treatments for seniors with Alzheimer's disease. Location: USF Sarasota-Manatee, Selby Auditorium, 8350 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023

Legislature:

- TAX BREAKS: Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Senate Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 7062), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would provide a series of

tax breaks, including holding sales-tax “holidays.” Location: 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION:** Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will consider dozens of bills, including a proposal (SB 1718), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would take a series of steps aimed at curbing illegal immigration. Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **RULES COMMITTEE:** Tuesday, 15 minutes after House floor session. The House Rules Committee will meet. Location: 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SENATE SPECIAL ORDER SET:** Tuesday, 15 minutes after committeeings. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which will list bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD:** Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Location: Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- **ADVOCACY WALK:** Tuesday, 9:15 a.m. Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, founder and CEO of Lauren’s Kids, will hold a news conference to start an annual advocacy walk to honor survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Location: Plaza-level rotunda, the Capitol.
- **GAS RATES:** Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairsing, followed by aing about a proposed rate increase for Florida City Gas. Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- **FAU TRUSTEES:** Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: <https://www.fau.edu/bot>
- **FSU TRUSTEES:** Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Florida State University, Westcott Building, 222 South Copeland St., Tallahassee.
- **FIRST RESPONDERS:** Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Florida First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force will meet. Location: Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

Legislature:

- **SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION:** Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- **HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION:** Wednesday, 10 a.m. The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- **SPECIAL ORDER SET:** Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which will list bills to be heard on the Senate floor.

Also

- **WATER QUALITY AT ISSUE:** Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Biscayne Bay Commission will meet. Location: : Cutler Bay Town Hall, 10720 Caribbean Blvd., Cutler Bay.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Location: Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214
- **PAROLE ISSUES:** Wednesday, 10 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Location: Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165

- NEW COLLEGE BOARD: Wednesday, 2 p.m. The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Location: New College of Florida, Sudakoff Conference Center, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota. <https://www.youtube.com/@NewCollegeofFL>
- REFUGEE ISSUES: Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Southwest Florida Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Location: Information at <http://www.myflfamilies.com/news-and-events/public-events-meetings>

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION: Thursday, 10 a.m. The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION: Thursday, 10 a.m. The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. Location: House 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 will list bills to be heard on the Senate floor.

Also:

- UNF TRUSTEES: Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Information at <https://www.unf.edu/trustees/meetings.html#>
- FIU TRUSTEES: Thursday, committees start at 9 a.m., with full board at 11 a.m. The Florida International University Board of Trustees will hold committeeings and a full boarding. Location: Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.
- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES: Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Location: Holiday Inn Tallahassee East Capitol-University, 2003 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES: Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Transportation Commission will meet. Location: Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 344775703
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- SPACE FLORIDA BOARD: Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Space Florida Board of Directors will and is expected to get a briefing from Frank DiBello, the agency's long president and CEO who is stepping down June 30. Location: Cabineting room, the Capitol.
- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES: Thursday, 3 p.m. The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will hold an Academic and Student Affairs Committeeing, followed by a regular boarding. Location: Call-in number: 1-415-655-0001. Code: 24229439051
- POINCIANA PARKWAY: Thursday, 5:30 p.m. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a public hearing about a project-development and environment study for a Poinciana Parkway extension. Location: AdventHealth Nicholson Center, 404 Celebration Place, Celebration.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL: Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Location: Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/812900621>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 812900621

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION: Friday, 10 a.m. The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION: Friday, 10 a.m. The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. Location: House chamber, the Capitol.

- RULES COMMITTEE: Friday, 15 minutes after House floor session. The House Rules Committee will meet. Location: 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET: Friday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which will list bills to be heard on the Senate floor.

Also:

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE: Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MASSAGE THERAPY: Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Location: Holiday Inn Tallahassee East Capitol-University, 2003 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.
- PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES: Friday, 9 a.m. The Correctional Medical Authority board is scheduled to. Location: Wakulla Correctional Institution, 110 Melaleuca Dr., Crawfordville. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830
- HEARING AID BOARD: Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet. Location: <https://meet.goto.com/485403965>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 485403965

Headlines Around The State

My News 13: Trump racks up Fla. GOP endorsements in blow to DeSantis

FlaPol: Michael Waltz, who holds Ron DeSantis' old House seat, endorses Donald Trump

FlaPol: Gus Bilirakis becomes 10th Florida congressional delegation member backing Donald Trump

NYTimes: Signed Letters, Mar-a-Lago Dinners: Trump's Personal Touch in Fighting DeSantis

Herald: 'It's a 2-way race': Rep. Massie says congressional support coming to DeSantis

FlaPol: Rick Scott still isn't endorsing in GOP presidential race

FlaPol: Brian Mast has 31 reasons to get on Donald Trump's train for 2024

FlaPol: South Carolina Congresswoman says Gov. DeSantis signing abortion ban could hurt him in 2024

FlaPol: Karl Rove claims Ron DeSantis not 'warm and fuzzy' enough for Florida delegation's comfort

FlaPol: Donald Trump floats prospect of Ron DeSantis abandoning 2024 run

CBS Miami: DeSantis to travel overseas ahead of looming White House bid

Times: DeSantis to visit Asia, Europe next week

The Capitolist: State leaders to embark on international trade mission

FlaPol: More details emerge about Ron DeSantis' international trade mission

FlaPol: Francis Suarez knocks Ron DeSantis' 'struggle with relationships'

Sun-Sentinel: Migrant flights lawsuit dropped against Florida

Sentinel: Moody tells Disney its records could be open to the public in Florida

Sun-Sentinel: As Silicon Valley Bank imploded, congressman sold South Florida bank stock

FlaPol: Rick Scott mocks Florida unemployment system bureaucracy in Heritage speech

FlaPol: Florida program to help low-income families with utilities runs out of funds

City & State FL: Montana – not Florida – could be first state to ban TikTok

WLRN: Former lobbyist Adam Corey, FBI agents testify against Andrew Gillum

Yahoo News: Trial Day 4: Why the feds delayed charging Andrew Gillum and the money trail

The Hill: Florida expansion of 'Don't Say Gay' could release flood of book bans

WUSF: A new report shows Florida ranks second in nation among spike in book bans

NYTimes: A Cruise Ship for Florida's Migrant Crisis Had Nowhere to Dock

Ledger: Rep. Soto requests funds for Polk County projects in FY 2024 budget

WLRN: As Florida advances bills distressing the transgender community, one teen flees for a better life

NBC Miami: Florida Apologizes, Drops Contractor After Early Morning Emergency Alert Text Sent by Mistake

Democrat: 'Completely inappropriate': Florida state leaders respond to accidental early morning emergency alert

Sun-Sentinel: 'Something has to be done': A week after the flood, FEMA officials confront Fort Lauderdale's devastated neighborhoods

WLRN: 'This is a nightmare': Flooding in Fort Lauderdale brings frustration, homelessness

Times: DeSantis faces some setbacks in Florida while politicking across US

WLRN: DeSantis signs bill ending unanimous jury requirement for death penalty sentences

CBS Miami: After Parkland verdict, death penalty path eased in Florida

Democrat: Florida now has the lowest death penalty threshold in the US

CBS Miami: House passes GOP bill to bar trans athletes on girls and women's teams

NBC Miami: Florida Gay Pride Parade Canceled After Anti-Drag Show Law Passes

Times: Florida drag performers balance pain and defiance as anti-LGBTQ+ laws loom

FlaPol: Senate sends elections bill hiking fines on voter registration groups to floor

FlaPol: Insurer accountability bill heads to Senate floor, but big differences with House remain

My News 13: Florida bill would make it a felony to transport people who are living in the country illegally

FlaPol: Controversial defamation bill now dead in House and Senate

CBS Miami: Measure would ID Florida sex offenders with red lettering on driver's licenses

FlaPol: Senate panel sends 'Florida Kratom Consumer Protection Act' to floor

NBC Miami: Bill That Could Lead to Monthly Renter Fees Passes in Florida House

FlaPol: Bill advances to shift charter schools building costs to local funding

WLRN: Corey Simon's development bill to tackle challenges facing North Florida's rural areas

FlaPol: House passes bill making non-domestic strangulation a felony

FlaPol: Partnership to further innovative seagrass restoration goes to full Senate

Times-Union: Jacksonville City Council to consider settlement in redistricting lawsuit

FlaPol: Legislature approves giving charter school students more choice on where to play sports
FlaPol: 'Stop Wake Act': After 4:45 a.m. alert, Blaise Ingoglia vows to ban late/early emergency tests
FlaPol: Legislature again snubs bill to automatically fund Keys environmental protection, resiliency
FlaPol: Venomous reptile penalty enhancements slither to Senate
FlaPol: House passes bill on Osborne Reef as Senate version heads to floor
Axios: Filmmaker takes fight to save Florida panther to streaming platforms
Democrat: FAMU's trustees elect businesswoman Kristin Harper as new vice chair, following 7-4 vote
Sun-Sentinel: Getting closer: Brightline to start selling tickets from South Florida to Orlando in May
Herald: Take a look: Brightline unveils new Orlando station. Here's when you can grab tickets
Daily News: Collier County School Board selects two finalists for superintendent

About the Briefing!

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