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The Briefing for Saturday – April 21 - 2023

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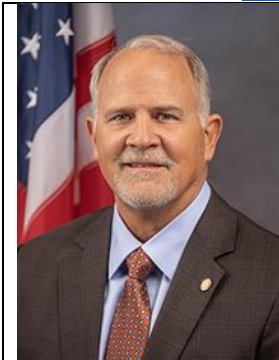
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A Special Focus

Thank You Representative Bobby Payne For Your Service



Founder of Florida Rural Counties Day, Representative Payne was born on May 16, 1958, in Palatka, FL where he currently resides. Was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2016, reelected subsequently. His current district includes Putnam and parts of Clay, St. Johns, and Marion counties. Previously represented Bradford and Union Counties. Serves a Chairman of the Infrastructure Strategies Committee and is a member of the Appropriations Committee and the Judiciary Committee. His recreational interests include baseball, fishing, football, golf, surfing. Annual Recipient of the Small County Coalition Legislative Leadership Award.

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.

The Quick

Budget Conferencing to Start Monday Afternoon

- House and Senate members are expected to start meeting in conference committees to nail down details of the budget for the fiscal year that will start July 1. The House has proposed a \$113 billion plan, while the Senate's version tipped the scales at \$113.7 billion — either of which would be a record. The spending plan needs to be finished May

2 if the session is going to end as scheduled May 5. That is because of a required 72-hour “cooling-off period” before lawmakers can vote on the budget.

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

House Term Limit Bill

- The Senate Rules committee will meet Monday at 1:00pm. On the agenda is HB 477 Term limits. This is the House version of the term limit proposal that only reduced the 12 year School Board term to 8 years. It does not address term limits for County Commissioners.

Rural Economic Development Bills Moving

- SB 1482 by Simon and SB 1664 by Hooper will be heard on Tuesday in Fiscal Policy at 10:00am
- HB 1209 by Shoaf is on Special Order waiting to be scheduled for floor action.

Bills propose Preemption of Special Assessments on AG lands Small Counties request Offset

- HB 1343, SB 1184, and SB 7084 all include language preempting the use of special assessments on lands classified as agricultural. The preemption will impact county revenues by an estimated \$23 million effective July 1, 2023 – although the House bill was amended to reduce the impact. The Small County Coalition is working to secure an offset of the revenue reduction for its fiscally constrained members.

Bill Eliminating Enterprise Florida Moves Through Final House Committee There is no Senate Companion to this House bill

House Bill 5 proposing to eliminate Enterprise Florida, Inc., (EFI) passed its final House committee. The bill provides that all duties, functions, records, pending issues, existing contracts, administrative authority, administrative rules, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other public funds relating to the programs in EFI are transferred by a type two transfer to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The bill provides that VISIT FLORIDA and the Florida Sports Foundation may enter into agreements with DEO to continue any existing programs, activities, duties, or functions necessary for their operation. The bill provides for the repeal of the following programs and incentives; however, the bill authorizes continuation of payments for existing related commitments: - Urban High-Crime Area Job Tax Credit Program - Professional Sports Franchise Incentive - Entertainment industry tax credit - Motorsports Entertainment Complex - Capital Investment Tax Credit - Spring Training Baseball Franchises - Qualified defense and space flight tax refund - Retention of Spring Training Baseball Franchises - Qualified target industry businesses tax refund - International Game Fish Association World Center - Brownfield Redevelopment Bonus Tax Refunds - Florida Small Business Technology Program - High-Impact Sector Performance Grants - New Markets Development Program - Economic Gardening Programs - Microfinance programs - Quick Action Closing Fund - Economic Development Transportation Projects - Innovation Incentive Program - Office of Film and Entertainment - Florida Small Business Development Center Network - Florida Film Advisory Council - Scripps Florida Funding Corporation - Entertainment industry sales tax exemptions - Cooperative advertising matching grants program The Revenue Estimating Conference estimated the total state and local government positive revenue impact of the bill in Fiscal Year 2023-24 to be \$24.1 million (\$87.3 million recurring). In addition, funds from an EFI escrow account will likely be deposited into the State Treasury. The bill has an indeterminate impact on state expenditures, and no impact on local expenditures. The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2023

Senate Tax Package Moves Forward

The Senate Tax Package -

- Permanently exempts the sale of the following products from sales and use tax:
 - Machinery and equipment used to produce renewable natural gas.
 - Baby and toddler products.

- Diapers and incontinence products.
 - Oral hygiene products.
 - Firearm safety devices.
- Provides a 28-day “back-to-school” sales tax holiday over two separate time periods, from July 24, 2023, through August 06, 2023, and January 01, 2024, through January 14, 2024, for certain clothing, school supplies, learning aids and puzzles, and personal computers.
- Provides a 14-day “disaster preparedness” sales tax holiday from May 27, 2023, through June 09, 2023, for specified disaster preparedness items, supplies necessary for the evacuation of pets, and common household consumable items.
- Provides a 3-month “Freedom Summer” sales tax holiday from May 29, 2023, through September 04, 2023, for specified admissions, boating and water activity supplies, camping supplies, fishing supplies, general outdoor supplies, residential pool supplies, children’s toys, and children’s athletic equipment.
- Provides a 7-day “Tool Time” sales tax holiday from September 2, 2023, through September 8, 2023, for specified tools and safety equipment.
- Provides a 1-year sales tax exemption on the sale of:
 - Specified ENERGY STAR appliances.
 - Gas ranges and cooktops.
- Increases the Strong Families Tax Credit limit from \$10 million to \$20 million.
- Provides an additional \$150 million in tax credits for brownfield rehabilitation for use in Fiscal Years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028.
- Creates a corporate income tax credit for the installation of graywater systems on residential property.
- Creates a corporate income and insurance premium tax credit for the rehabilitation of historic real property in Florida.
- Distributes \$27.5 million for 2 fiscal years to the Florida Agricultural Promotion Campaign Trust Fund, from which it will be further distributed to the Florida Thoroughbred Breeders’ Association and two thoroughbred racing tracks within Florida to be used to promote thoroughbred breeding and thoroughbred racing in Florida.
- Provides a credit against pari-mutuel taxes and fees for permit holders that conduct thoroughbred racing.
- Exempts certain portions of Small Business Administration loans from documentary stamp tax and intangible personal property tax.
- Exempts certain notes by alarm system contractors from documentary stamp tax.
- Permanently increases the sales tax dealer collection allowance from a maximum of \$30 per return to \$45 per return.
- **Prohibits special assessments on agricultural lands.**
- Requires several local taxes, when renewed or increased by referendum, to be placed on the ballot in a general election held within 48 months before the effective date of the renewed or increased tax, and prohibits them from being placed on the ballot more than once during that time period.
- Clarifies that the ad valorem exemption for disabled veterans may be transferred to other properties at the discretion of the disabled veteran or his or her surviving spouse.
- Expands the ad valorem refund for disabled veterans who purchase a new homestead in Florida after receiving the exemption on an existing homestead to no longer require the veteran to have been receiving the exemption on an existing homestead.
- Expands the homestead exemption for surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty to include surviving spouses of federal law enforcement officers.

- Clarifies that parsonages, burial grounds, and tombs, when owned by a public house of worship, are used for religious purposes, and thus, are not subject to ad valorem tax.
- Amends the ad valorem exemption for educational property to include property under a 98- year lease by an educational institution and property leased by an educational institution and used by it for educational purposes if the property was owned by the educational institution and received the exemption for at least 10 consecutive years in the past.
- Amends the automatic property tax refund provision for residential property rendered uninhabitable to not apply when the damage was caused by an event resulting in a federal disaster area declaration or a state of emergency.
- Freezes local communications services tax rates in place on January 1, 2023, until January 1, 2026.
- Delays the imposition of the natural gas fuel tax from January 1, 2024, until January 1, 2026.
- Clarifies that when calculating the penalty for underpayment with regard to corporate income tax, a taxpayer’s donation to a tax donation program is included as a payment of tax. The bill reduces revenues in total by \$1,198.2 million, which is the sum of \$420.5 million (recurring), and \$777.7 million (pure nonrecurring in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and reductions resulting from nonrecurring impacts in future years). See Section V. Fiscal Impact Statement for additional information. Except as otherwise provided, the bill takes effect July 1, 2023.

State Terminates Contract Over Early Morning Alert Test!

The state of Florida is ending its multimillion-dollar contract with Everbridge a software company that emergency management officials said is responsible 4:45am morning alert test that blared from cell phones Thursday, rousing and angering Floridians across the state. There is some concern being expressed by local emergency managers that the termination action may jeopardize some of the capacity for early alert that has been established at the local level through the contract. Bottom line – accountability was swift!

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House and Senate Calendars for Week Eight

[Calendar for the Florida House](#)

[Calendar for the Florida Senate](#)

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=ays5bEFpOEx2bHc0Yk9oQnICZm10QT09>

- **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.

- **MESSAGE 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.
- **MESSAGE 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

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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