



Budget Conference Unresolved Issues in hands of Leadership

The Briefing for Thursday – March 27 - 2023

Day 52 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 8 days til Sine Die!

The last Briefing was Wednesday – April 26 - 2023

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Day 3 of Budget Conference – Unresolved Issues Move to Leadership Level

All unresolved issues have been sent to the Senate and House Appropriation Chairs for resolution. Senate President predicts the budget will be resolved by Saturday. 3 days earlier than necessary!

Legislature Approves Bill Restricting Unions

The Florida House gave final approval to Senate Bill 256 placing restrictions on public-employee unions. The bill is now on its way to Gov. Ron DeSantis. The bill would prevent dues from being deducted from workers' paychecks. It requires gauging how many eligible employees are dues-paying union members. If fewer than 60 percent of eligible employees are members, unions would have to be recertified as bargaining agents. It allows public employers to challenge union' applications to renew registrations as bargaining agents if the employers think the applications are inaccurate and it requires unions to have audited financial statements, which would need to be made available to members.

Senate Passes Bill Where DeSantis Doesn't Have to Resign if he runs for the Presidency

The Florida Senate passed legislation on Wednesday ensuring Gov. Ron DeSantis doesn't have to resign from office to run for president. The bill (SB 7050), which now will go to the House, also would shorten the time for voters to request mail-in ballots.

House Approves Bill Requiring School Districts to Share Capital Outlay Funding

The Florida House passed HB 1259 a bill that will require school districts to share local property-tax revenues with charter schools. The bill needs approval from the Senate before it could go to Gov. Ron DeSantis. The tax revenues, derived from discretionary 1.5-mill local levies, would be divvied up based on charter schools' proportionate share of districts' total enrollment. The measure calls for a phased-in

approach to districts' sharing funds. To start, districts would be required to share a portion of 20 percent of the money in the 2023-24 fiscal year. From there, districts would dole out a portion of 40 percent of the funds in the 2024-2025 fiscal year; a portion of 60 percent in 2025-2026; a portion of 80 percent in 2026-2027; and a portion of 100 percent in 2027-2028 and beyond.

Rural County Day At the Capitol a tremendous success!

Over 350 people registered - 27 County Booths

***Greetings from Rep. Payne, Speaker Paul Renner, Rep. Brannan, and Rep. Abbott
In addition to serving 1,000 Fish dinners - County Booths offered – Rib Eye Sliders, Swamp
Cabbage, Sausage, Boiled Peanuts, Watermelon, Sugar Cane and Strawberry Shortcake.
Counties are already planning for next years event!***





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

Headlines Around the State

NBC Miami: Ron DeSantis Is Set to Jump Into the 2024 Presidential Fray in Mid-May

The Hill: Pressure mounts on DeSantis to fight back harder against Trump

Herald: Who is paying for DeSantis' four-nation trip? It's his second trade mission as governor

FlaPol: Report: Ron DeSantis considered as Donald Trump VP pick

My News 13: Disney sues DeSantis, alleging 'targeted campaign of government retaliation'

Politico: 'Weaponizing its power': Disney accuses DeSantis of retaliation in federal lawsuit

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis highlights Disney fight in Jerusalem

FlaPol: Nikki Haley invites Disney to move to South Carolina

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis super PAC slams Nikki Haley's attempt to lure Disney

Herald Tribune: Top Florida Republican votes against DeSantis' latest Disney bill as feud strains GOP

FlaPol: You've got a friend? Joe Gruters sides with Disney, bucks Ron DeSantis on land-use powers

FlaPol: DeSantis ally in talks to become Disney World government's district administrator

Times: DeSantis-appointed board voids Disney districts previous agreements

CBS Miami: Florida Senate backs nullifying Disney agreements

The Hill: Florida Republican introduces 'Reject Latinx Act'

Sun-Sentinel: Can sneakers help bridge the partisan fractions that divide America? Yes, says sneakerhead and congressman Jared Moskowitz

FlaPol: For kicks: Air Jordans enthusiast Jared Moskowitz co-founds bipartisan 'Congressional Sneaker Caucus'

Times: Federal lawsuit challenges Florida's voter registration forms

WUSF: A rising number of working Florida families are unable to afford basic necessities

WUSF: The Andrew Gillum corruption trial may wrap up sooner than expected

Democrat: Gillum trial Day 8: Feds home in on 'Hamilton' ticket disconnect, 'abnormal' money trail

FlaPol: Anti-woke education activist Andrew Gutmann launches campaign for CD 22

FlaPol: Nikki Fried knocks Lenny Curry for 'lashing out' on Twitter

Democrat: Florida unions face strict restrictions — unless they tend to ally with Republicans

FlaPol: House OKs bill to eliminate automatic dues for some public sector unions

Times: Florida's dental deserts leave millions without access to oral care

WUSF: How a 2019 Florida law catalyzed a hospital building boom

WUSF: New College of Florida Board of Trustees vote to deny tenure to five professors

Sun-Sentinel: FAU had right to close campus during height of COVID pandemic, Florida appeals court says in rejecting student lawsuit

TCPalm: Here are the names for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season

Sun-Sentinel: 'I couldn't stop the water from coming in': Two weeks after historic flood, Fort Lauderdale residents live in moldy homes, waiting for money

Times: Dwyane Wade says he left Florida because family 'would not be accepted'

News-Press: Audubon's crested caracara numbers hover around 1,000 in Florida, threatened but stable

Herald: Former staffer says Carollo told her to lie about harassment from aides he clashed with

WUSF: Free Narcan available in Central Florida as opioid overdose deaths remain high

WUSF: Florida man gets prison term for his role in the attack on the Capitol

FlaPol: Budget conference: House and Senate agree to \$2 million for firefighter cancer research

FlaPol: Budget conference: Girl Matters gets funding to help at-risk youth

FlaPol: Budget conference: Beef butcher bucks bound for Newberry

FlaPol: Budget conference: Kennel cash for Putnam County

FlaPol: Budget conference: Lawmakers fund Cape Coral, Treasure Island firehouses

FlaPol: Budget conference: Money allocated for Clay County sports complex

FlaPol: Budget conference: St. Pete Beach secures \$2M to rebuild fire station

Sun-Sentinel: State of the housing market: Homes prices aren't rising as fast as market slows down

News-Press: War against drag shows: DeSantis says it protects kids, but LGBTQ community feels attacked

FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo says budget will be done by Saturday, Session will wrap on time

FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo doesn't support House efforts to ban insurers from covering gender-affirming care

WUSF: Florida Senate passes controversial elections changes

WLRN: How limits on demonstration at the Florida Capitol affect free speech

My News 13: Senate GOP modifies bill requiring restroom use with corresponding sex

The Capitolist: Hunting, fishing constitutional amendment slated for Senate vote

WUSF: Lawmakers agree on State Guard money

The Capitolist: House passes bill mandating college campus debate series, banning so-called "political loyalty tests"

WUSF: After family murders and suicide, Florida nears passage of a bill to shield kids' autopsy details

Sun: After Reinhart family murders, new bill nears passage to shield kids' autopsy reports

FlaPol: House amendment would toss Senate-proposed caps on university bonuses

Times: Florida plan to ease high school graduation rules clears House

The Capitolist: Florida House approves bill to change funding for charter schools

FlaPol: House approves more local taxes going to support charter schools' capital costs

Times: Florida House moves to eliminate local renters' rights ordinances

FlaPol: Legislature increases financial disclosure requirements for city, county elected officials

Times: Defamation bill dead for this Florida legislative session, sponsor says

FlaPol: Senate passes bill increasing fines, regulation on insurers

WUSF: Florida Legislature passes a bill to crack down on antisemitic activity

News4Jax: Florida legislators support a bill to make hate speech fliers a hate crime

FlaPol: Budget conference: Senate looks to carve out Supreme Court from expanded Capitol Police patrols

FlaPol: House approves bill, ballot question to raise homestead exemption caps for low-income seniors

Sentinel: House, Senate committees agree to raise Inmate Welfare Trust Fund cap to \$32M

WLRN: A bill to protect the habitat and food source of Florida manatees has the Senate's okay

FlaPol: House passes Florida Forever, Wildlife Corridor enhancements

FlaPol: Budget conference: Fairground funds flow to Florida counties

FlaPol: New septic tank rules sent to Senate floor

FlaPol: House septic tank and land conservation package rolls to Senate

Today: Ethics commission finds probable cause against Randy Fine in dispute with West Melbourne

FlaPol: Budget conference: House and Senate nearly \$10M apart on prosecutor pay raises

Times: Protection for historic coastal properties could be gutted under Florida bill

FlaPol: Radioactivity concerns not enough to derail phosphogypsum bill on path to Senate

WUSF: Community Action Agencies get help from the Florida Legislature in time to keep their doors open

FlaPol: House approves property tax exemptions for spouses of slain, disabled federal agents

FlaPol: House passes Miami-Dade-focused bill barring duplication of Sheriff powers

Herald: Miami-Dade adopted a Tenant Bill of Rights last year. Legislature seeks to evict it

My News 13: Orlando leaders skeptical about affordable housing law

Today: Who are the three finalists for Brevard Public Schools' superintendent?

FlaPol: Budget conference: Jacksonville Music History Museum in the money

FlaPol: Budget conference: House holds to demand for \$9M to Bernie McCabe courthouse in St. Petersburg

Bradenton Herald: Highest paid county administrator ever? Manatee reviews contract with industry lobbyist

On the Docket for Week Eight

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

About the Briefing!

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