



**2023 Legislative Session 3/4<sup>th</sup> Over!  
15 Days Left!**

## ***The Briefing for Thursday – April 20 - 2023***

**Day 45 of the 60 day Legislative Session – 15 days til Sine Die!**

***The last Briefing was Monday – April 17- 2023***

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### **Week Seven Coming to a Close**

#### **The 2023 Legislative Session is entering the final phase.**

Many priorities of the Governor, the President and the Speaker have already been finalized.

This week both the House and Senate pushed through a slew of bills.

With the exception of some key pieces of legislation term limits and school start times – the major issue yet to be settled is the budget.

#### **Budget Conferencing should start next Monday.**

Major issues to be resolved are the changes to the Florida Retirement System – the House plan costs over \$3 billion while the Senate is far lower.

The structure of the Florida Education Finance Program has not yet been resolved.

In addition, budget negotiations will determine local project funding.

#### **Here's the latest report for bills that we have been tracking:**

***[Status of Local Government Bills - 4-20-23 .docx](#)***

***[Status of Education Bills - 4-20-23 .docx](#)***

### **2023 Rural Counties Days – April 25-26**

Over 350 folks are registered for next week's 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 25, 2023** - Reception – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **April 26, 2023** - Rural Counties Day Capitol Plaza Courtyard - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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### **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 Seven***

***Calendar for the Florida Senate - 15 Days Left***

***Calendar for the Florida House -15 Days Left***

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### ***Headlines Around The State***

***Politico: Frustrated and tired: DeSantis' demands wear out GOP Florida allies***

***NYTimes: DeSantis's Electability Pitch Wobbles, Despite G.O.P. Losses Under Trump***

***CBS Miami: Trump, DeSantis compete for support from congressional GOP***

***FlaPol: Vern Buchanan, Florida delegation leader, endorses Donald Trump for President***

***FlaPol: Donald Trump warns Ron DeSantis political career is over if he runs in 2024***

***NYTimes: Pro-DeSantis PAC Makes Hires in Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina***

***Bradenton Herald: DeSantis ready to fire back at Trump over Social Security, Medicare attacks***

***Politico: DeSantis-backed board moves closer to nixing Disney pact***

***Times: DeSantis-appointed board launches aggressive plan to counter Disney control***

***CBS Miami: DeSantis appointees begin reshaping Disney World's district***

***Sentinel: Disney's Reedy Creek deal violated state law, attorneys for DeSantis board say***

***FlaPol: Report: Early Primary states to start receiving pro-DeSantis mail***

***Times: DeSantis tour hits South Carolina: Here's what GOP voters thought***

***FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says South Carolina, Florida share issue of 'more traffic on the roads'***

***Post: Trump attacks DeSantis by suggesting Disney could leave Florida because of the governor***

***Sentinel: 'Mickey's Freedom' act urges Disney World to move to North Carolina***

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis PAC founder says war with 'scourge' Disney is a political winner*

*FlaPol: Disney 'engaged in a caper worthy of Scrooge McDuck,' lawyer for state-run board contends*

*Bradenton Herald: Political rivals from both parties see opportunity in DeSantis' feud with Disney*

*NBC Miami: In DeSantis Vs. Disney World, Governor Misstates Facts on Taxes*

*News-Press: Four things to know about Trump's appearance in Southwest Florida Friday*

*NYTimes: A Super PAC Targets Greene, Gaetz, Boebert and Others on the Far Right*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis bashes Bud Light for 'trying to push the transgenderism'*

*Politico: Florida poised to make DeSantis' travel records secret*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott adds nearly \$1M to war chest in Q1*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis, Casey DeSantis discuss 'slime and crayons' in the Governor's Mansion*

*FlaPol: DeSantis kids preparing for international travel to Israel, Japan*

*FlaPol: Facing criticism from DeSantis board, Disney World announces progress on affordable housing complex in Central Florida*

*WLRN: Florida's abortion laws protect a pregnant person's life, but not for mental health*

*The Capitolist: Office of Insurance Regulation authorizes Tailrow Insurance Company to operate in Florida*

*Daily News: Thousands in the state could lose Medicaid health insurance*

*Sun-Sentinel: Citing failure to meet Jewish veterans' burial needs, Moskowitz seeks improvement from federal agency*

*Times: Here's why 8 Florida nursing home violations were not in state records*

*Herald: Florida taxpayers lose \$1.4 million in public funds in impersonation scam, report says*

*City & State FL: Getting the lead out: Florida to receive over \$250M to help remove toxic pipes*

*WUSF: The greater Tampa Bay region is awarded millions by HUD to address homeless crisis*

*Post: UF West Palm campus plan is fizzling out, but more "top" schools may be interested.*

*Times: Hurricane Ian damaged their new home. Insurance didn't save them.*

*Sun-Sentinel: As FEMA starts surveying flood-damaged homes, here's how South Floridians may get financial aid*

*WUSF: As residents struggle with aftermath of storms, Broward schools' damage hits \$8 million*

*My News 13: Bodycam video sheds light on murder suspect's prior arrest*

*WLRN: Panic buying after Florida floods leads to long gas lines*

*Times: A USF professor discovered what was killing sea urchins in Florida, Caribbean. Here's how.*

*Politico: Florida expands ban on sexual orientation and gender identity teachings through high school*

*News4Jax: Florida board passes DeSantis' expansion of the Parental Rights in Education bill*

*My News 13: Florida House sends drag show bill to Gov. Ron DeSantis*

*Democrat: In one day, three bills targeting transgender Floridians pass House*

*FlaPol: Florida House debate on transcare bill includes God, sex and insurance*

*Bradenton Herald: Florida House passes bills affecting LGBTQ community. Vocal protesters toss underwear*

*Bradenton Herald: Legislators move quickly on DeSantis call to void Disney's agreement with district*

*Sentinel: Bills to kill Disney-Reedy Creek deal move to Senate, House floors*

*City & State FL: Florida lawmakers refuel fight over elections laws*

*The Capitolist: Vacant Florida Supreme Court seat draws 15 candidates*

*WLRN: Florida Senate approves death penalty in child rapes*

*FlaPol: Senate passes bill banning socially conscious investments by state, sends to Gov. DeSantis*

*Herald: Newly proposed public records carve-out could protect Florida DCF from scrutiny, critics say*

*Times: Florida proposal to fight 'indoctrination' at universities clears major hurdle*

*WLRN: From tax holidays to horse racing, Florida senators support wide-ranging tax breaks*

*FlaPol: Legislature passes 'Greyson's Law' to safeguard children at risk of parental harm*

*Times: New College trustees asked to defer or deny tenure in new memo*

*Democrat: 'Terrified': Chinese protesters tell Florida lawmakers bill threatens their 'American dream'*

*FlaPol: Partisan school boards measure on way to 2024 ballot as Senate approves*

*FlaPol: Senate passes, praises pharmacy benefit manager bill*

*FlaPol: Senate environmental package moves ahead, amendments expected*

*Herald Tribune: Bill aimed at securing Florida's online business records system expected to pass Thursday*

*Democrat: Florida lawmakers wade back into vacation rental market. City officials aren't happy*

*FlaPol: Bill targeting interchange fees could harm small businesses, consumers*

*WUSF: Hit snooze: Florida bills would delay middle and high school start times*

*Sun-Sentinel: Is year-round school a good idea? Florida may offer it in some classes to study the results*

*FlaPol: Study finds school zone speeding rampant as lawmakers push for camera enforcement*

*FlaPol: House unanimously passes sea-level rise study expansion*

*WUSF: Bills to fully fund preservation of the Florida Wildlife Corridor are lagging in Tallahassee*

*FlaPol: Senate passes bill aimed at wiping out frivolous windshield lawsuits*

*CBS Miami: Legislature aims to put brakes on catalytic converter thefts with tougher sanctions*

*FlaPol: Full Senate to consider heightened venomous reptile penalties*

*News4Jax: Lawmakers have concerns a new bill would decrease safety standards for large trucks on Florida highways*

*FlaPol: Senate approves \$1.85M payment to man wrongly imprisoned for 37 years*

*Bradenton Herald: Manatee County leaders want to label public library books with LGBTQ, sexual content*

*WUSF: Toni Morrison's 'Bluest Eye' is returning to Pinellas County schools*

*FlaPol: Miami-Dade-focused bill cementing Sheriff powers clears final Senate committee*

*Today: 'Wheel of Fugitive' suit: Ivey fights to keep suit in Brevard amid concerns of influence*

*Axios: Tampa Bay students brace for more curriculum fights*

*WUSF: A deep well injection could herald the end of spills from the Piney Point phosphate plant*

*Herald: After testifying against Carollo, fired Miami police chief says private eyes tailed him*

### ***About the Briefing!***

***The Briefing is prepared almost daily by Chris Doolin***

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email = [cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

### ***Distribution of the Briefing – Some Glitches!***

Over the course of the past few weeks several recipients of the Briefing have indicated that they have not received The Briefing on a regular basis. The Briefing is produced 2-4 times a week, however, there have been some glitches in the mailing list. I have tried to resolve those problems for elected officials that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. Unfortunately some of you may receive duplicate mailings. After the session – it is my intention to rework and update the mailing list but until then – hopefully you received it! And as usual – feel free to forward to your staff.

If you want to see all of the latest briefings – you can go [www.smallcountycoalition.org](http://www.smallcountycoalition.org) or [www.ssdcc.org](http://www.ssdcc.org) and click on the red **Briefing** button.

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