

Last Weekend Before School Starts

Grab your suits & let's get wet!	Let's go shopping for Back to School items 	
Enjoy Lunch outside today!	Activity of your choice today!	Stay up late one last night!
Time for some outdoor fun – bike ride, draw with chalk or your choice! 	End of Summer Ice Cream run!	

Best wishes to all the kids and school personnel!

The Briefing for Thursday, August 3, 2023

The last Briefing was Monday, July 31, 2023
How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>

First Pre-season Game Tonight

Cleveland Browns vs New York Jets - 8:00pm NBC

2023 Back-to-School Sales The 2023 Python Challenge Starts Tomorrow

<https://flpythonchallenge.org/>

The python removal competition begins at 12:01 a.m. on August 4, 2023 and ends at 5 p.m. on August 13, 2023. [Register now!](#)

Tax Holiday – Ends this Sunday - August 6, 2023

https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/tips/Documents/TIP_23A01-06.pdf

The 2023 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday ends on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

State Associations Seeking Policy Input for 2024 Legislative Issues

Policy Reviews for the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium will be forthcoming.

Florida Association of Counties Policy Process

Deadline for Submission – August 11

Questions contact - [Bob McKee, bmckee@fl-counties.com](mailto:bmckee@fl-counties.com)

The deadline to submit a policy proposal for the 2024 Legislation Session is August 11. If you have solutions or initiatives to help build a better Florida, don't forget to submit a policy proposal!

Policy Proposal Guidelines

Proposals should include:

- A draft policy statement declaring support or opposition of an issue.
- Any relevant history explaining why the policy position should be established.
- Information and/or statistics on how the policy impacts your county and any statewide implications.

- The fiscal impact of either the problem the policy position would correct or fiscal impact of implementing the proposed policy.

Florida School Boards Association Policy Process

Deadline for Submission Sept. 11

Questions Contact – Dr. Danielle Thomas – 386-846-7346

Proposals for the 2024 Legislative and Federal Platforms are now open for submission.

All member districts of the FSBA are able to submit statewide issues for consideration on the final platforms which drive FSBA's advocacy efforts throughout the year. The deadline to submit proposals which is Monday, September 11.

1. [The FSBA proposal submission form is on the FSBA website.](#) Please complete proposals using the fillable form.

2. For your reference, you can access last year's final platforms here: [LEGISLATIVE](#) and [FEDERAL](#). Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly: 386.846.7346. To ensure your district has representation on this statewide committee, **please be sure your proposal(s) is/are submitted by September 11 at 5pm EST.**

Office of Economic and Demographic Research -Initiating Data Visualization Project

The Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) is a research arm of the Legislature principally concerned with forecasting economic and social trends that affect policy making, revenues, and appropriations. EDR is currently initiating a Data Visualization Project. The Office has established an informal workgroup to provide input and guidance for making EDR data more accessible and understandable for users. The workgroup will be through the Fall and conclude before the start of the legislative session. Data visualization is the graphical representation of data intended to make the data more accessible and easier to understand. Graphical representations include charts, graphs, and maps.

Here is the link to the EDR Website - <http://edr.state.fl.us/Content/>

Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook
National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%
Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane
 Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

Headlines Around the State

NBC Miami: Ron DeSantis agrees to debate Gavin Newsom

Sentinel: DeSantis motorcade crash involved rentals used by FDLE, not state vehicles

CBS Miami: Florida grand jury immigration investigation extended until April

FlaPol: 'They're giving us the runaround': Anna Paulina Luna floats defunding Pentagon positions if UFO information isn't released

FlaPol: Kat Cammack said Florida has the most to lose in farm bill fight

FlaPol: Rick Scott names Finance Chairs for re-election campaign

WUSF: Florida nonprofit renews its call for a pause in Medicaid unwinding

FlaPol: 7 lawmakers to join Mario Díaz-Balart, Jared Moskowitz for tour of Parkland massacre site

AP: Reenactment of Florida school massacre will bring gunfire back to Parkland campus

City & State FL: In national race to build EV chargers, Florida lands in list of top 10 states

WLRN: Climate change made July hotter — and Florida is feeling the largest effect

WUSF: Here are some reasons why COVID cases are on the rise in Florida

PNJ: Pensacola medical district ranks No. 1 in Florida opioid deaths; double state average

Ledger: Lakeland-based Methodist Conference to vote Saturday on departures of 46 congregations

Sun-Sentinel: From kidney stones to sand burns: The offbeat health dangers of Florida's extreme heat

News-Press: Retiring and thinking of heading straight for Florida? This list doesn't rank state so high

Sun-Sentinel: South Florida homes heavily overvalued, report finds, with greater Miami region ranked 11th in nation

News-Press: How will Lee County spend a billion dollars for Ian recovery? Find out at one of nine meetings

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Florida history standards aren't 'shilling for slavery'

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis denounces 'hogwash' concerns about campaign burn rate

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis fumes about 'frivolous' federal spending after billions of dollars went to Florida

City & State FL: Florida Democrats try to take back statewide registered voter advantage

Democrat: Number of registered lobbyists plummets at City Hall; ethics watchdogs worried

Democrat: Grappling with new law, fearful Florida teachers tossing books, resellers say

NBC Miami: Florida fights judge's order finding children kept in nursing homes unlawfully

My News 13: Florida phosphogypsum road debate continues: what the material is and isn't

PNJ: Florida universities may soon administer Classic Learning Test, an alternative to ACT, SAT

FlaPol: Democratic Town Hall guest: Stop finger-pointing in insurance crisis

Herald Tribune: New College of Florida trustee Mary Ruiz resigns

Democrat: Students want answers as FSU president waits on DEI guidance from Board of Governors

TCPalm: School libraries will look the same when classes resume Thursday ... but they're not

Axios: 100,000 Citizens Property policies could shift to Tampa-based insurer

WLRN: Florida prisons are grappling with 'oppressive' heat

FlaPol: Florida Dems step up year-round presence, prep for HD 35 Special Election

WUSF: Florida is set to execute inmate James Phillip Barnes in a nurse's 1988 hammer killing

WUSF: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission wants to help the state's burrowing owl

Herald: 'Everglades literacy' lacking in many Florida schools. This program aims to change that

Sun: Community members press school board to fight the state's anti-LGBTQ education laws

Sentinel: Former judge working at appellate court once suspended from Florida Bar after ethics violation

NBC Miami: Miami-Dade Police director handcuffed at Tampa hotel hours before shooting himself: Police

Times: Most Florida school district budget hearings go quietly. Not in Sarasota.

My News 13: Apopka mayor censured in contentious meeting

Herald: Top UM booster John Ruiz's company LifeWallet confirms SEC probe, grand jury subpoena

PNJ: Skanska lost its appeal. What that ruling means for Pensacola.

WUSF: Orlando physicians who reported a Central Florida leprosy trend 'want to allay the fears'

On the Docket

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

- FAMU TRUSTEES - Thursday, noon. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 Tournament Players Club Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.

- NURSING ISSUES - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Embassy Suites Tampa USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.
- SCHOOL TRUST FUND - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will consider an “outlook” for the State School Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- COMMUNICATIONS TAX - Thursday, 1:45 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss the gross-receipts tax and the communications-services tax. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TOURISM MARKETING - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Visit Florida Marketing Council will discuss tourism-marketing plans. <https://visitflorida.zoom.us/j/85622856055>. Meeting ID: 85622856055. Call-in number: 1-305-224-1968.
- HURRICANE RECOVERY - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing about a draft Hurricane Ian State Action Plan, which is related to the state receiving \$910 million in federal money for resiliency efforts after Hurricane Ian. Seminole County Commission, 1101 East First St., Sanford.
- EXECUTION SLATED - Thursday, 6 p.m. Death Row inmate James Phillip Barnes is scheduled to be executed in the April 20, 1988, murder of Patricia “Patsy” Miller in her Melbourne condominium. Florida State Prison, 23916 N.W. 83rd Ave., Raiford.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023

- PYTHON CHALLENGE STARTS - The annual Florida Python Challenge, which offers prizes to people who remove invasive pythons from the Everglades, will begin. The event will end Aug. 13.
- BOARD OF MEDICINE- Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Medicine will meet. Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel, 5445 Forbes Place, Orlando.
- NURSING ISSUES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Embassy Suites Tampa USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.
- REDISTRICTING HEARING HELD - Friday, 9 a.m. Leon County Circuit Judge J. Lee Marsh will hold a hearing in a lawsuit challenging a congressional redistricting plan approved last year by the Legislature and Gov. Ron DeSantis. Leon County Courthouse 301 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.
- TRANSPORTATION MONEY ON TABLE - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze transportation revenues. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CLINICAL LAB BOARD- Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/301224949>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 301224949
- ORTHOTICS BOARD- Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Orthotists & Prosthetists will meet. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 142192085
- HISTORICAL COMMISSION- Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Historical Commission will meet. <https://dos-myflorida.zoom.us/j/87539456909>
- HURRICANE RECOVERY - Friday, 11 a.m. The Florida Department of Commerce will hold a public hearing about a draft Hurricane Ian State Action Plan, which is related to the state receiving \$910 million in federal money for resiliency efforts after Hurricane Ian. Patel Center for Global Solutions Auditorium, 11710 USF Genshaft Dr., Tampa.
- UNEMPLOYMENT FUND - Friday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will update a forecast for the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

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 Representing District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

If you want to see all of the latest briefings – you can go www.smallcountycoalition.org or www.ssdcc.org and click on the red **Briefing** button.

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