



They just don't make ice cream like they used to!

The Briefing for Wednesday, July 26, 2023

The last Briefing was Monday, July 24, 2023

How's your weather – <https://weather.com/>

The Tropics are getting active! See Tropical Outlook below!

Check these updated websites

[*Small School District Council Consortium*](#)

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2024 Florida Association of Counties Policy Process Is Now Open for Consideration of 2024 Legislative Proposals

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.

[Click Here to Submit your Policy Proposal](#)

[Policy Proposal Process Flowchart](#)

If you have any questions about the policy proposal submission process, please contact

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

***DOE soliciting input on Repeals and Revisions to K-20 Education Code
A Survey Link is Provided***

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Florida Legislature passed and Governor DeSantis signed House Bill 1, which directed the Florida State Board of Education to develop and recommend to the Governor and Legislature for adoption during the 2024 legislative session repeals and revisions to the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code, chapters 1000-1013, Florida Statutes, to reduce regulation of public schools. The state board shall review the entirety of the Florida Early Learning-20 Education Code for potential repeals and revisions. The state board must make recommendations addressing repeals and revisions to the statutes governing the transportation of students. The state board shall consider input from teachers, superintendents, administrators, school boards, public and private postsecondary institutions, home educators, and other entities identified by the state board.












The Florida Department of Education is seeking public input via this online survey.




<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FloridaHB1>

***Department of Education Proposes New Slate of Rule Proposals
Including Proposal to Ease requirements for Charters to Access Local Capital Outlay funding***

The Florida Department of Education has published a series of proposed rules that address a variety of topics including – School Safety requirements; Threat Management; Safe Schools Canine Program; Unresolved Student Welfare Complaints; Library Materials Objections; Assessment Program; Course Funding Eligibility; Online Personal Information; and, Charter School Capital Funding. The rule dealing with “capital outlay” would allow charter schools that receive two consecutive “F” grades (rather than one F) or three consecutive grades (rather than two consecutive grades) lower than a “C” would not be eligible for the funding.

For additional information on the proposed rules or for submitting a comments – use the following link – <https://web02.fldoe.org/rules/>

<u>Rule Number</u>	<u>Rule Title</u>	<u>FAR</u>	<u>Supporting Documentation</u>
6A-1.0018	School Safety Requirements and Monitoring		
6A-1.0019	Threat Management		
6A-1.0020	Florida Safe Schools Canine Program		
6A-1.094125	Special Magistrate for Unresolved Student Welfare Complaints		
6A-1.094126	Special Magistrate for Library Materials Objection		
6A-1.09422	Statewide, Standardized Assessment Program Requirements		
6A-1.09441	Requirements for Programs and Courses that are Funded Through the Florida Education Finance Program and for Which the Student May Earn Credit Toward High School Graduation		

6A-1.09550	Student Online Personal Information Protection		
6A-2.0020	Eligibility for Charter School Capital Outlay		

2023 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday - July 24 Through August 6, 2023

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

The 2023 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday begins on Monday, July 24, 2023, and ends on Sunday, August 6, 2023. There will be a second Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday beginning Monday, January 1, 2024, and ending on Sunday, January 14, 2024. During the sales tax holiday period, tax is not due on the retail sale of:

- Clothing, footwear, and certain accessories with a sales price of \$100 or less per item
- Certain school supplies with a sales price of \$50 or less per item,
- Learning aids and jigsaw puzzles with a sales price of \$30 or less
- Personal computers and certain computer-related accessories with a sales price of \$1,500 or less, when purchased for noncommercial home or personal use

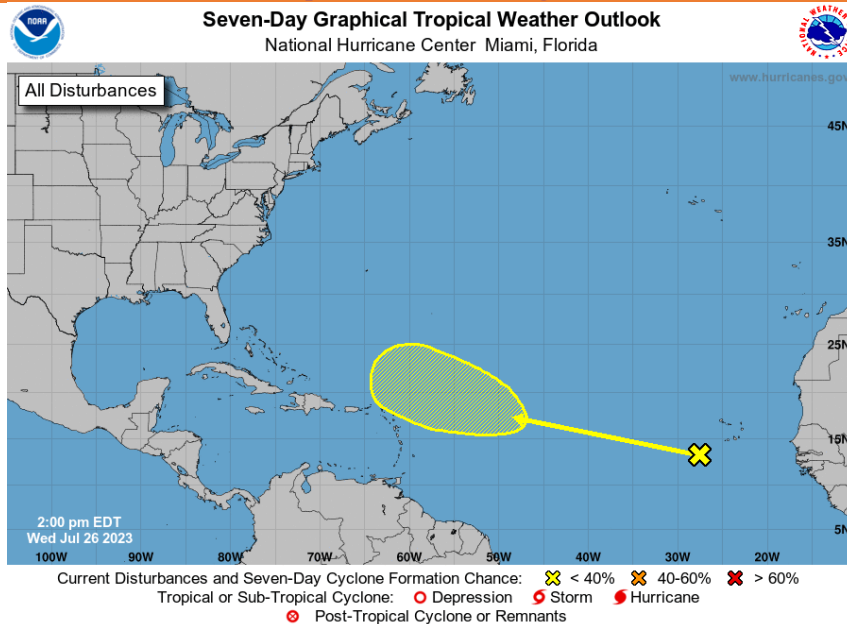
Florida Rural Economic Development Summit 2023

November 29 – December 1, 2023
 Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld®
 6677 Sea Harbor Drive - Orlando, FL 32821

[Link to more information-
 Rural Summit 2023](#)

Tropical Outlook

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



Headlines Around the State

My News 13: DeSantis cuts a third of his presidential campaign staff as he mounts urgent reset

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis' 'reboot' features yet another round of staff cuts

WSJ: Ron DeSantis Shifts Strategy After Staff Cuts, Drop in Polls

FlaPol: Membership has its privileges, as Ron DeSantis courts small-dollar donors

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis super PAC places TV buy in Iowa starting next week

FlaPol: Pollster explains how Ron DeSantis' 'message is falling flat'

CBS Miami: FEC asked to investigate flower shop's \$500,000 contribution to super PAC backing Suarez's 2024 bid

The Capitolist: Campaign watchdog alleges contribution concealment in \$500K donation to Francis Suarez's campaign

Herald: Lender's \$15 million lawsuit is latest setback for developer with ties to Mayor Suarez

Bradenton Herald: Transgender adults join suit against Florida law that bans or restricts their healthcare

Axios: Tampa Bay man joins lawsuit against transgender health restrictions

News4Jax: Water at tip of Florida hits hot tub level, may have set world record for warmest seawater

CBS Miami: Florida ocean temperatures surpass 100 degrees Fahrenheit, potentially a world record

Sun-Sentinel: Florida couple pleads guilty to participating in the US Capitol attack

The Floridian: Several Florida Communities at Risk of Sharp Home Value Drop

CBS Miami: Broward school board votes 5-4 against proposal for annual teacher pay raise

Herald: Broward School Board rejects plan to pay teachers \$100K — at least for now

Wash. Post: Florida police to beachgoers: Don't 'treasure hunt' for washed-up pot

Times: Does the DeSantis campaign face the same fate as Jeb Bush in 2016?

NBC Miami: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis uninjured after being involved in car crash in Tennessee

Knoxville News Sentinel: Ron DeSantis uninjured in Chattanooga crash ahead of scheduled fundraiser in Knoxville

The Hill: DeSantis campaign fires speechwriter who promoted video with Nazi imagery

PNJ: A video retweeted by a DeSantis staffer stirred new controversy. Was there a Nazi symbol?

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis rips Kamala Harris 'hoax' about Florida slavery education

FlaPol: Manny Diaz defends Black history standards after Kamala Harris' attack

Herald Tribune: Anti-vaxxer in chief? DeSantis elevates vaccine skepticism to marquee campaign issue

News4Jax: 'Slavery did not benefit Black people': Duval County School Board member speaks out about new teaching standards

The Capitolist: Florida Supreme Court grants AG Moody extension to contend recreational marijuana initiative

City & State FL: Five Questions with Florida Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson

City & State FL: FPL, Irma plaintiffs battle over new law's scope

CBS Miami: Statewide sweep nabs hemp products aimed at children

Democrat: 'Operation Kandy Krush' in Florida targets hemp extract products attractive to children

Times: Former Florida state Sen. Jack Latvala's ethics case pushed to fall

Democrat: Electric bus fleet, \$35 million investment in sustainable energy coming to Tallahassee

Herald: A Florida man with mental-health disorder gets home confinement for threatening poll workers

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023

- **WATER QUALITY** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Harmful Algal Bloom Task Force will meet. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Ave. S.E., St. Petersburg.
- **PAROLE CASES** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- **ARCHITECTURE BOARD** - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design is scheduled to meet. Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress Resort, 1 Grand Cypress Blvd., Orlando.
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES** - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 686974885
- **BROADBAND** - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Department of Commerce Department will continue a series of workshops about broadband services. Information at www.floridajobs.org/community-planning-and-development/broadband/office-of-broadband
- **FLORIDA COLLEGES BOARD** - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Association of Florida Colleges Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. Information at <https://www.myafchome.org/>
- **DEMOCRATS DISCUSS PROPERTY INSURANCE** - Wednesday, 6 p.m. Democratic lawmakers, including Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Davie, and Sen. Jason Pizzo, D-Hollywood, will hold the first in a series of online events to discuss property insurance issues. <https://www.facebook.com/FLSenateDemocraticCaucus>

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023

- **LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE** - Thursday, 8:45 a.m. The Florida Board of Landscape Architecture is scheduled to meet. JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa, 19999 West Country Club Dr., Aventura.
- **HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL** - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. Florida Commission on Human Relations, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-270-6017. Code: 374710025

- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES ADDRESSED - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Holiday Inn Orlando-Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. Holiday Inn Orlando-Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- GULF COAST COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.
- CHILDHOOD POVERTY - Thursday, 10 a.m. The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold an online event titled, "Root Cause Matters: Addressing Justice to Tackle Florida Childhood Poverty." Information at <https://floridaflcoc.weblinkconnect.com/events/Root-Cause-Matters-Addressing-Justice-to-Tackle-Florida-Childhood-Poverty-2327/details>
- ATHLETE PAY ADDRESSED - Thursday, noon. The Economic Club of Florida will host a panel discussion about the payment of college athletes for use of their names, images and likenesses. Florida State University Alumni Center, 1030 West Tennessee St., Tallahassee.
- TAMPA INTERSTATE RAMP EYED - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an open house about changes to the Interstate 75 ramp from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Interstate 4 in Hillsborough County. Hillsborough Community College, Brandon Campus Conference Center, 10451 Nancy Watkins Dr., Tampa.
- NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet in Columbia County. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/311964829>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 311964829

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

- PROPERTY INSURANCE - Friday, 8 a.m. The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 88307560058
- PSYCHOLOGY BOARD - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Psychology will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564-341-766
- ETHICS COMMISSION - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Commission on Ethics will consider dismissal of a long-running ethics case against former state Sen. Jack Latvala, R-Clearwater. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- MASSAGE THERAPY ISSUES ADDRESSED - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Holiday Inn Orlando-Disney Springs, 1805 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will meet. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.

About the Briefing!

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