



The Briefing for November 2, 2023

The last Briefing was October 30– 2023

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

College Football Week 10

[College Football Schedule for Week 10 - 2023 Season - ESPN](#)

The Quick

CIRCUIT COURT CONSOLIDATION ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Friday, 10 a.m.

Location: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dD_sMnrXTaehoKVDj1zcjg#/registration

The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee will meet Friday to consider the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits.

Proposed Deregulation of Florida School Code

[A Report from The Commissioner of Education on behalf of the State Board Of Education](#)

In accordance with HB 1 that passed during the 2023 Legislative Session, the following report was produced to provide recommendations to the Governor and Legislature for the deregulation of Florida Public Schools. The report provides recommendation relating to the following:

Determination of Millage; Traffic Control; Electronic Commerce; Early Learning-20 Governance; Powers and duties of district school board; Student and Parental Rights and Educational Choice; Public K-12 Education; Public Postsecondary Education; Support for Learning; Articulation and Access; Assessment and Accountability; Planning and Budgeting; Personnel; and, Educational Facilities.

Senate Calendar for Week of Special Session

[House Calendar for Special Session and Committee Meetings](#)

Special Session Bills will be considered on Monday

Special Session Bills Address – Idalia, Vouchers, Israel; and Security Grants

Disaster Relief: Revising provisions related disaster relief including counties and municipalities impacted by specified disasters, loan programs, grant programs, appropriations, My Safe Florida Home Program, & tax relief. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

SB 0002C **Disaster Relief** by Simon - [Staff Analysis for SB 2-C](#)

Disaster Relief; Providing a tangible personal property assessment limitation, during a certain timeframe and in certain counties, for certain agricultural equipment rendered unable to be used due to Hurricane Idalia; providing a sales tax exemption for the purchase, within a certain timeframe and in certain counties, of certain fencing materials used to replace or repair fences damaged by Hurricane Idalia on agricultural lands; specifying a requirement for the Department of Financial Services in implementing the My Safe Florida Home Program; extending the date for future review and repeal of provisions related to the Florida Emergency Management Assistance Foundation, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 0003C **Family Empowerment Scholarship Program** by Tomkow - [Staff Analysis for HB 3-C](#)

Revises number of students eligible to participate in Family Empowerment Scholarship Program. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

SB 0004C **Family Empowerment Scholarship Program** by Collins - [Staff Analysis for SB 4-C](#)

Revising the number of certain students eligible to participate in the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 0005C **Scrutinized Companies** by Snyder - [Staff Analysis for HB 5-C](#)

Revises provisions related to scrutinized companies including definitions, criteria for being identified as scrutinized company, name of scrutinized company list, assembly & updating of such list, removal from such list, & government contracting. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

SB 0006C **Security Grants** by Calatayud - [Staff Analysis for SB 6-C](#)

Expanding the Nonprofit Security Grant Program to include additional organizations; revising eligibility criteria to be awarded a grant; requiring that certain rules be adopted by the Division of Emergency Management, etc. APPROPRIATION: \$35,000,000 Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 0007C **Security Grants** by Fine - [Staff Analysis for SB 7-C](#)

Expands Nonprofit Security Grant Program to include additional organizations; specifies grants may be used for certain materials; revises criteria to be awarded grant; requires DEM to provide information to Legislature annually by specified date; provides appropriations. Effective Date: upon becoming a law

SB 0008C **Support for the State of Israel** by Berman - [Staff Analysis for SB 8-C](#)

Expressing support for the State of Israel and condemning the attacks and hateful actions by the Hamas terrorist group, etc.

HB 0009C **State of Israel** by Waldron – No Staff Analysis Available

Expresses support for State of Israel.

SB 0010C **Scrutinized Companies** by Avila - [Staff Analysis for SB 10-C](#)

Revising the definition of the term “scrutinized company”; requiring the State Board of Administration to identify and maintain the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List; providing that companies on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List as of a specified date are deemed, beginning on a certain date, to be on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Iran Terrorism Sectors List until removed pursuant to specified procedures; providing that certain entities are ineligible to, and may not, bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into or renew certain contracts, etc. Effective Date: Upon becoming a law

HB 0013C Antisemitism by Gottlieb – No Staff Analysis Available

Defines term "antisemitism"; provides contemporary examples of antisemitism. Effective Date: July 1, 2024

Important Meeting Dates

- November 15-17 - FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa
- November 16 - Small County Coalition Lunch meeting - Tampa
- Nov 28–Dec 1 - FSBA/FADSS 78th Annual Joint Conference, Tampa
- Nov 30 - Small District Breakfast at FSBA – Tampa

Headlines Around The State

The Floridian: Donalds Says Cutting IRS Money for Israel 'Makes Most Sense'

FlaPol: Marco Rubio warns of sleeper cell terrorists crossing Mexican border

Axios: Tampa the "capital of American homeschooling," per new report

Times-Union: DOJ 'monitoring', not investigating, case of Jacksonville man injured in viral arrest video

Sentinel: It's DeSantis vs. Trump at Florida Freedom Summit in Kissimmee this weekend

FlaPol: Joseph Ladapo lauds Ron DeSantis' COVID-19 approach during New Hampshire event

Democrat: DeSantis asks court to reject public records request over Florida Supreme Court justices

FlaPol: Nikki Fried says Florida is still a swing state, and Joe Biden knows it

NBC Miami: Florida AG urges Supreme Court to reject abortion measure

WLRN: Seminole Tribe of Florida is ready to take next steps to expand sports betting

NBC Miami: Seminole Tribe of Florida to launch craps, roulette, & sports betting

News4Jax: Approval of thousands of property insurance policies taken from Citizens means good news for Florida, experts say

Sentinel: Demand for gun training classes plummets after new permitless carry law

Democrat: FAMU students worry DeSantis' DEI ban caused university to stop funding Pride event

Post: Attorney accused of murdering father among 7 lawyers disciplined by Florida Supreme Court

News4Jax: Jared Bridegan's ex-wife Shanna Gardner hires Casey Anthony's lawyer in murder-for-hire case

Democrat: 'I will testify': Charlie Adelson to take the stand; state rests with bombshell wire taps

News4Jax: Longtime Duval teachers union president retires in wake of FBI, IRS investigation

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis backs government action against protesters accused of intimidating Jewish students

Politico: Florida joins conservative states severing ties with national library group

The Floridian: Donalds to Introduce Bill to Improve Logistics of Search and Rescue Nationwide

WLRN: Uninsured Floridians may soon shop for health insurance in federal marketplace

WLRN: Denial of Gulf protections could lead to the 'permanent loss' of Rice's whales

WUSF: Do popup stores like Spirit Halloween trick-or-treat Florida's economy?

The Floridian: DeSantis Says he Would've won in 2018 Election Without Trump's Endorsement

WLRN: Appeals court takes up battle over DeSantis redistricting plan

Sentinel: Appeals court shields Florida lawmakers from turning over docs on Stop WOKE Act

Sentinel: As scrutiny mounts, DeSantis' Disney district cancels no-bid 911 contract

Herald Tribune: Sarasota senator is trying to start his own insurance company

Sun-Sentinel: Attorney General says FAU presidential search committee violated state law

Today: Seven candidates have filed for District 33 seat held by Randy Fine

WUSF: North Florida school district agrees to improve instruction for students who don't speak English

Today: Florida legislators reject proposal to boost Port Canaveral commissioner pay by 91.5%

My News 13: Orange County Sheriff calls for legislative changes to combat illegal alcohol sales

ON THE DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2023

- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which typically involves looking at the potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- NURSING BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 275112502
- CLINICAL LAB BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel will meet. Hilton Garden Inn, 4328 Garden Vista Dr., Riverview.
- HEARING AID BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 935258285
- **CIRCUIT COURT CONSOLIDATION - Friday, 10 a.m. The Judicial Circuit Assessment Committee, which was appointed by Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice Carlos Muniz, will meet about the possibility of consolidating judicial circuits. https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dD_sMnrXTachoKVDjlzcg#/registration**
- CALATAYUD SPEAKS AT FIU EVENT - Friday, 11 a.m. State Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, will be among the speakers during the Florida International University REact 2023 Real Estate Conference. Florida International University, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Graham Center, 10955 S.W. 15th Terrace, Miami.
- STEUBE SPEAKS TO GOP WOMEN - Friday, 11:30 a.m. U.S. Rep. Greg Steube, R-Fla., is scheduled to speak to the Republican Women's Club of Sarasota. Michael's on East, 1212 South East Ave., Sarasota.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

- **TRUMP, DESANTIS AT 'FREEDOM SUMMIT' - Former President Donald Trump, Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Republican presidential candidates will be among the speakers at the Republican Party of Florida's "Florida Freedom Summit." In addition to presidential candidates, speakers will include U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., Lt. Gov. Jeanette Nunez, Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson. Gaylor Palms Resort, 6000 West Osceola Parkway, Kissimmee.**

Local Legislative Budget Request Forms

Local Funding Request Forms for Senate and House

Senate 24-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form

2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Request Form [PDF]

*2024-25 Local Funding Initiative Requests
Prior Years Local Funding Initiative Requests*

House Local Funding Documents

Submission Deadline: 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

*House Appropriations Project Request Form FY 2024-25
Appropriations Project Request Form Guidance - FY 2024-25
Attestation Form - FY 2024-25
Frequently Asked Questions and Materials: House Appropriations Projects*

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

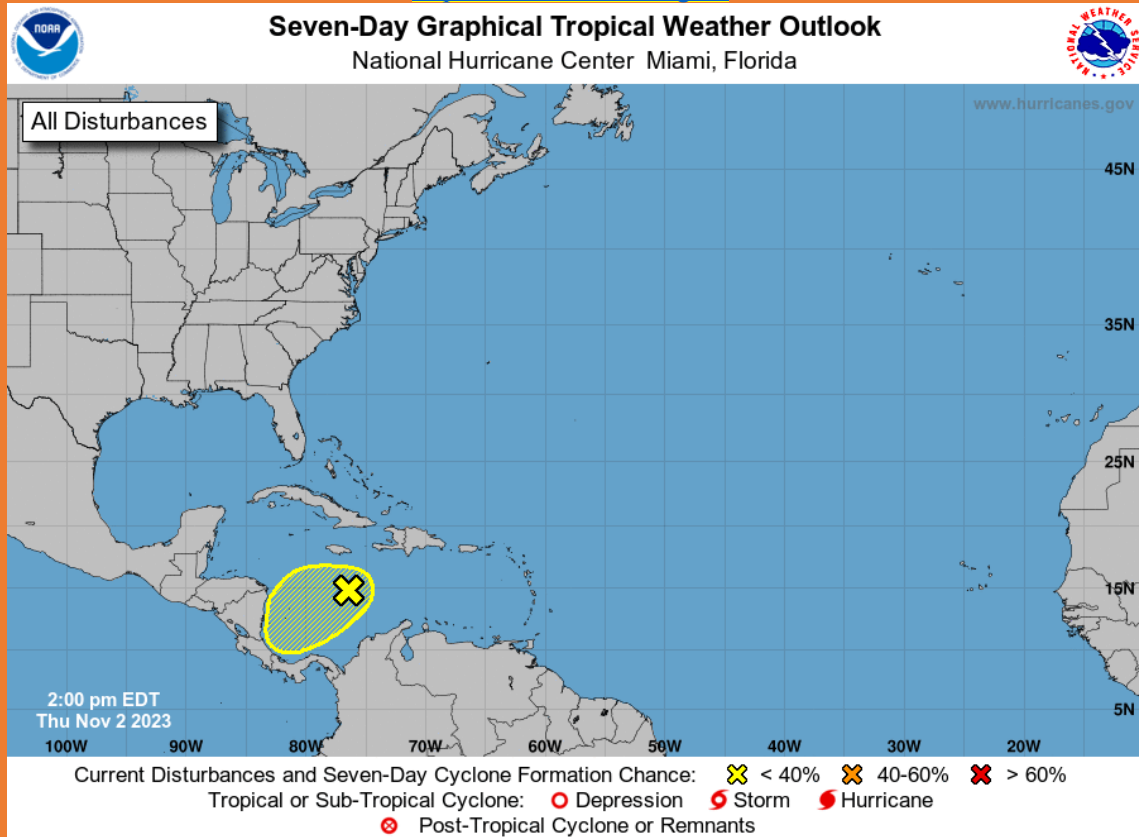
*Link to the Florida Senate
Link to the Florida House of Representatives
The Florida Channel*

Draft Legislative Programs

*Small School District Council Consortium - 2024 Legislative Priorities - Draft - August
2023_.docx
The Small County Coalition - 2024 Legislative Program - October 2023 .docx*

Tropical Outlook

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



About the Briefing!

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