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Saturday

## *The Briefing for November 4, 2023*

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### **Games this weekend!**

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

### **No To Consolidating Judicial Circuits**

#### **Court Committee Studying Judicial Circuits Votes Against Consolidation**

Amid overwhelming opposition to consolidation, a committee appointed by the Florida Supreme Court on Friday unanimously recommended against reducing the number of judicial circuits in the state. The committee was established in response to a request by House Speaker Paul Renner that the Court System explore whether any of the state's 20 judicial circuits should be consolidated. The committee has until December 1 to issue a report but voted unanimously not to shrink the number of judicial circuits. Throughout the process, State attorneys, public defenders, judges, sheriffs, other elected officials, attorneys and members of the public from the Florida Keys to the Panhandle vehemently argued against a potential decrease in the number of circuits.

### **SPECIAL SESSION**

The Florida Legislature will meet in Special Session this week to address a number of key issues including Disaster Relief, Support for Israel, Lift the Cap on School Vouchers. The bills under consideration are listed below. The week will also include another round of committee meetings where the House and Senate will continue preparing for the 2024 Regular Session that will convene in January.

Here's a look at when and where some of the key issues will be considered:

#### **Disaster Relief**

[Disaster Relief Proposals HB 1C and SB 2C .docx](#)

To be considered in the following committees this week:

Monday – Senate Fiscal Policy – 412 K – 11:30am will consider SB 2C.

Monday – House Appropriations – 212K – 3:30pm will consider HB 1C.

#### **Proposed Deregulation of Florida School Code**

[DOE Deregulation Report Required by HB 1 passed during the 2023 Legislative Session](#)

To be considered in the following committees this week:

Tuesday – Senate Education K-12 – 412K – 3:45pm

Wednesday – House Education Quality – 102H – 3:00pm

**Performance Review of Fire Control Districts in Rural Areas of Opportunity**

Topic to be discussed in the following committee:

Wednesday – House Local Administration, Federal Affairs, and Special Districts -17H – 3:00PM

***Complete Calendar for next week!***

**[Senate Calendar for Week of November 6 and Special Session C](#)**

**[House Calendar for Week of November 6 and Special Session C](#)**

**Special Session Bills will be considered**

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

HB 0001C	Disaster Relief by Shoaf - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for HB 1-C</a>
SB 0002C	Disaster Relief by Simon - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for SB 2-C</a>
HB 0003C	Family Empowerment Scholarship Program by Tomkow - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for HB 3-C</a>
SB 0004C	Family Empowerment Scholarship Program by Collins - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for SB 4-C</a>
HB 0005C	Scrutinized Companies by Snyder - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for HB 5-C</a>
SB 0006C	Security Grants by Calatayud - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for SB 6-C</a>
HB 0007C	Security Grants by Fine - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for SB 7-C</a>
SB 0008C	Support for the State of Israel by Berman - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for SB 8-C</a>
HB 0009C	State of Israel by Waldron
SB 0010C	Scrutinized Companies by Avila - <a href="#">Staff Analysis for SB 10-C</a>
HB 0013C	Antisemitism by Gottlieb – No Staff Analysis Available

***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***

*AP: The Trump-DeSantis rivalry grows more personal and crude as the GOP candidates head to Florida*

*New Yorker: Why Antisemitism Led a DeSantis Ally to Jump to Trump*

*NBC: Nikki Haley to miss Florida GOP gathering for 2024 candidates*

*Times: After opposition, committee recommends against merging Florida judicial circuits*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida teacher fired for using gender-neutral title Mx. in class materials*

*NYTimes: DeSantis Leans Into Vaccine Skepticism to Energize Struggling Campaign*

*AP: Nikki Haley wants to be the GOP's Trump alternative. Ron DeSantis and others are trying to stop her*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis will still support Donald Trump if he's convicted of crimes*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis backs Tommy Tuberville in ongoing skirmish with Senate*

*Herald: Amid war in Israel, Florida lawmakers propose blacklisting companies with Iran business*

*FlaPol: Florida GOP operative arrested in Colorado over dead voter petitions*

*FlaPol: University of Florida inaugurates Ben Sasse as 13th president*

*FlaPol: FDACS inspectors block 8,700 hemp-extract packages marketed to children from hitting Florida shelves*

*News-Press: Planners, others worry more people will be in harm's way with SWFL redevelopment after Ian*

*FlaPol: Rick Scott endorses Donald Trump for President*

*FlaPol: LGBTQ Victory Fund endorses 'champion for equality' Joe Saunders in HD 106 race*

*AP: Biden's handling of the Israel-Hamas war is a political test in South Florida's Jewish community*

*NYTimes: Jeff Bezos Says He Is Leaving Seattle for Miami*

*Ocala Star-Banner: FAMU students worry DeSantis' DEI ban caused university to stop funding Pride event*

*FlaPol: Special Session proposal has \$35M security boost for places at high risk for violent attacks*

*The Hill: Florida man charged after threatening World Jewish Congress, DOJ says*

*Sentinel: Parents with special-needs kids decry school voucher funding woes*

### ***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***

### ***ON THE DOCKET FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6***

***MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023***

#### ***— Legislature:***

- SENATE STARTS SPECIAL SESSION - Monday, 10 a.m. The Florida Senate will start a special legislative session to address a series of issues, including bolstering state sanctions against Iran and providing additional assistance to people affected by Hurricane Idalia. Senate chamber, the Capitol.

- HOUSE STARTS SPECIAL SESSION - Monday, 10 a.m. The Florida House will start a special legislative session to address a series of issues, including bolstering state sanctions against Iran and providing additional assistance to people affected by Hurricane Idalia. House chamber, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE AID, VOUCHER, SECURITY BILLS - Monday, 11:30 a.m. The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will consider a bill (SB 2-C), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would provide additional aid after Hurricane Idalia. It also will take up a bill (SB 4-C), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that could lead to more students with disabilities receiving school vouchers. In addition, it will consider a bill (SB 6-C), filed by Sen. Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would provide money to help bolster security at Jewish day schools. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- IRAN SANCTIONS - Monday, 12:30 p.m. The House State Affairs Committee will take up a proposal (HB 5C), filed by Rep. John Snyder, R-Stuart, that would increase state sanctions against Iran, a key backer of the Palestinian militant group Hamas. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ISRAEL SUPPORT - Monday, 2:30 p.m. The Senate Rules Committee will consider a proposed resolution (SR 8-C), sponsored by Sen. Lori Berman, D-Boca Raton, that would express support for Israel amid the war with Hamas. It also will take up a bill (SB 10-C), sponsored by Sen. Bryan Avila, R-Miami Springs, that would increase state sanctions on Iran, a key backer of Hamas. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE AID, VOUCHER, SECURITY BILLS - Monday, 3:30 p.m. The House Appropriations Committee will consider a bill (HB 1C), filed by Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, that would provide additional aid after Hurricane Idalia. It also will take up a bill (HB 3C), filed by Rep. Josie Tomkow, R-Polk City, that could lead to more students with disabilities receiving school vouchers. In addition, it will consider a bill (HB 7C), filed by Rep. Randy Fine, R-Brevard County, that would provide money to help bolster security at Jewish day schools. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.

**— Also:**

- OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD - Monday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Occupational Therapy will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766
- ‘MARSY’S LAW’ ANNIVERSARY - Monday, 10 a.m. The group Marsy’s Law for Florida will set up a display to mark the fifth anniversary of voter passage of the “Marsy’s Law” constitutional amendment, which expanded the rights of crime victims. The display will be at the Capitol until 5 p.m. Tuesday. Capitol rotunda.
- OPIOID ABATEMENT - Monday, 1 p.m. The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/statewide-council-opioid-abatement-0>

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**

**— Legislature:**

- VETERANS - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive presentations from leaders of Veterans Florida and the Florida Veterans Foundation. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CONFIRMATION HEARINGS - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will hold confirmation hearings for appointees to numerous boards, including trustees of Florida SouthWestern State College, The College of the Florida Keys, Florida Gateway

College, Pasco-Hernando State College and Polk State College. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The House will hold a floor session as part of a special legislative session called to address a series of issues, including bolstering state sanctions against Iran and providing additional assistance to people affected by Hurricane Idalia. House chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSING LAW - Tuesday, 10:45 a.m. The Senate Community Affairs Committee will receive a presentation from the Florida Housing Finance Corp. about the “Live Local Act,” a law passed this year to try to boost workforce housing. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SIMPSON DISCUSSES AGRICULTURE - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson will speak to the Senate Agriculture Committee. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION PROGRAMS - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the Department of Education about a series of programs. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- COURT SYSTEM BUDGETS - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about a series of budget requests, including for the state courts system, the attorney general’s office, state attorneys and public defenders. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL REGULATIONS - Tuesday, 3:45 p.m. The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will receive a presentation about recommendations to reduce regulations on public schools. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

**— Also:**

- SPECIAL HOUSE ELECTION - A special primary election will be held Tuesday in House District 35 in Orange and Osceola counties. The seat opened when former Rep. Fred Hawkins, R-St. Cloud, was appointed president of South Florida State College. The special general election will be Jan. 16. Candidates are Democrats Rishi Bagga, Marucci Guzman and Tom Keen and Republicans Erika Booth, Ken Davenport and Scotty Moore.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The 19th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a circuit-judge position. The 19th Circuit is made up of Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties. Applicants expected to be interviewed are Jeffrey P. Battista, Lillian B. Ewen, MaryEllen M. Farrell, Brennan Keeler, Preethi Sekharan and Robert Eugene Stone Jr. Martin County Courthouse, 100 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart.
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST - Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Central time. The board of Triumph Gulf Coast, which helps administer settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. Among the issues will be a proposal for the Institute for Strategic Partnerships, Innovation, Research, and Education at Florida State University Panama City. Walton County Commission chamber, 571 U.S. 90 East, DeFuniak Springs.
- SPORTS FOUNDATION LEADER SPEAKS - Tuesday, noon. Angela Adams Suggs, chief executive officer of the Florida Sports Foundation, will speak to the Economic Club of Florida. AC Hotel by Marriott, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee.

- LONG-TERM CARE - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program State Council will meet. Embassy Suites by Hilton, 555 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023**

#### **— Legislature:**

- DOCTOR, NURSE WORKFORCE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee will receive a briefing on the physician and nurse workforce. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- BARBER LICENSES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 133), filed by Rep. Kevin Chambliss, D-Homestead, and Rep. Rachel Plakon, R-Lake Mary, that would make licensing changes related to barbers and cosmetologists. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Senate will hold a floor session as part of a special legislative session to address a series of issues, including bolstering state sanctions against Iran and providing additional assistance to people affected by Hurricane Idalia. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will receive a presentation about a statewide database for tracking sexual-assault evidence kits. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION LAW CHANGES - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The House Education Quality Subcommittee will receive a presentation about recommendations for revising or repealing parts of a state education code. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL DISTRICTS - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will receive a presentation from the state Department of Commerce about special districts. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- TOWING LAWS - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee will receive a presentation about laws related to towing. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

#### **— Also:**

- MARIJUANA INITIATIVE DEBATED - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in three cases, including a dispute about a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow recreational use of marijuana by people ages 21 and older. The Smart & Safe Florida political committee, which is leading the initiative, needs the Supreme Court to sign off on the proposed ballot wording before the measure can go before voters in November 2024. But the proposal has drawn opposition from Attorney General Ashley Moody. The Supreme Court reviews ballot initiatives to make sure they would not be confusing to voters and address single subjects. Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Florida Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- CONSERVATION PROGRAM - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will hold a meeting about the Rural and Family Lands Protection Program. UF/IFAS Extension Services Building, 1921 Kissimmee Valley Lane, Kissimmee.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. Information at <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie/commission-meeting.shtml>
- 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

- TRANSPORTATION - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Transportation Commission is scheduled to meet. Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.
- REFUGEE - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>
- FAMU DISCRIMINATION ARGUMENTS HEARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will hold a hearing on a request by state education officials to dismiss a potential class-action lawsuit alleging the state has discriminated against historically Black Florida A&M University in such things as funding. Call-in number: 1-888-684-8852. Access Code: 3243416. Security Code: 1234
- GOP CANDIDATES DEBATE - Wednesday, 8 p.m. Gov. Ron DeSantis and other Republican presidential candidates will debate in South Florida. Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, 1300 Biscayne Blvd., Miami.

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023**

##### **— Legislature:**

- SENATE FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session as part of a special legislative session to address a series of issues, including bolstering state sanctions against Iran and providing additional assistance to people affected by Hurricane Idalia. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- CHARTER SCHOOLS - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will receive presentations about the Tallahassee Collegiate Academy at Tallahassee Community College and the Florida Institute for Charter School Innovation at Miami Dade College. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PROPERTY LAW - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Civil Justice Subcommittee will receive a presentation from Lee County Clerk of Court Kevin C. Karnes about a new law dealing with “real property fraud.” 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- AGENCY BUDGETS - Thursday, 9 a.m. The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests for the Division of Emergency Management, the Department of Transportation and the Department of State. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HEALTH PANEL EYES BUDGETS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive presentations about budget requests for the Department of Elder Affairs, the Agency for Persons with Disabilities and the Department of Veterans’ Affairs. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CAVE, CORAL - Thursday, 11 a.m. The House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee will receive presentations about issues such as underwater cave systems and coral restoration programs. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

##### **— Also:**

- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Thursday, 8 a.m. The state university system’s Board of Governors will meet after holding a series of committee meetings. The full board is scheduled to start about 10:45 a.m., with topics expected to include confirmation of Richard Corcoran as president of New College of Florida. University of Central Florida, Fairwinds Alumni Center, 12676 Gemini Blvd. North, Orlando.

- CHIROPRACTIC BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. World Golf Village Renaissance St. Augustine Resort, 500 South Legacy Trail, St. Augustine.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage & Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Sheraton Orlando North Hotel, 600 North Lake Destiny Dr., Maitland.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet in Osceola County. Osceola County Commission chamber, 1 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. Information at <https://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie/commission-meeting.shtml>
- TRANSPORTATION - Thursday, 9:15 a.m. The Florida Transportation Commission is scheduled to meet. Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.
- UTILITY - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is expected to release regular weekly opinions.
- BEAN SPEAKS TO GOP WOMEN - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. U.S. Rep. Aaron Bean, R-Fla., is scheduled to speak to the Republican Women's Club of Duval Federated. Deerwood Country Club, 10239 Golf Club Dr., Jacksonville.
- PANHANDLE - Thursday, 11:30 a.m. The Emerald Coast Regional Council board will meet. Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar.
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. Daytona State College, Wetherell Student Services and Administration Building, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 5 p.m. The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Union County School Board office, 55 S.W. Sixth St., Lake Butler.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023**

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for Veterans Day.

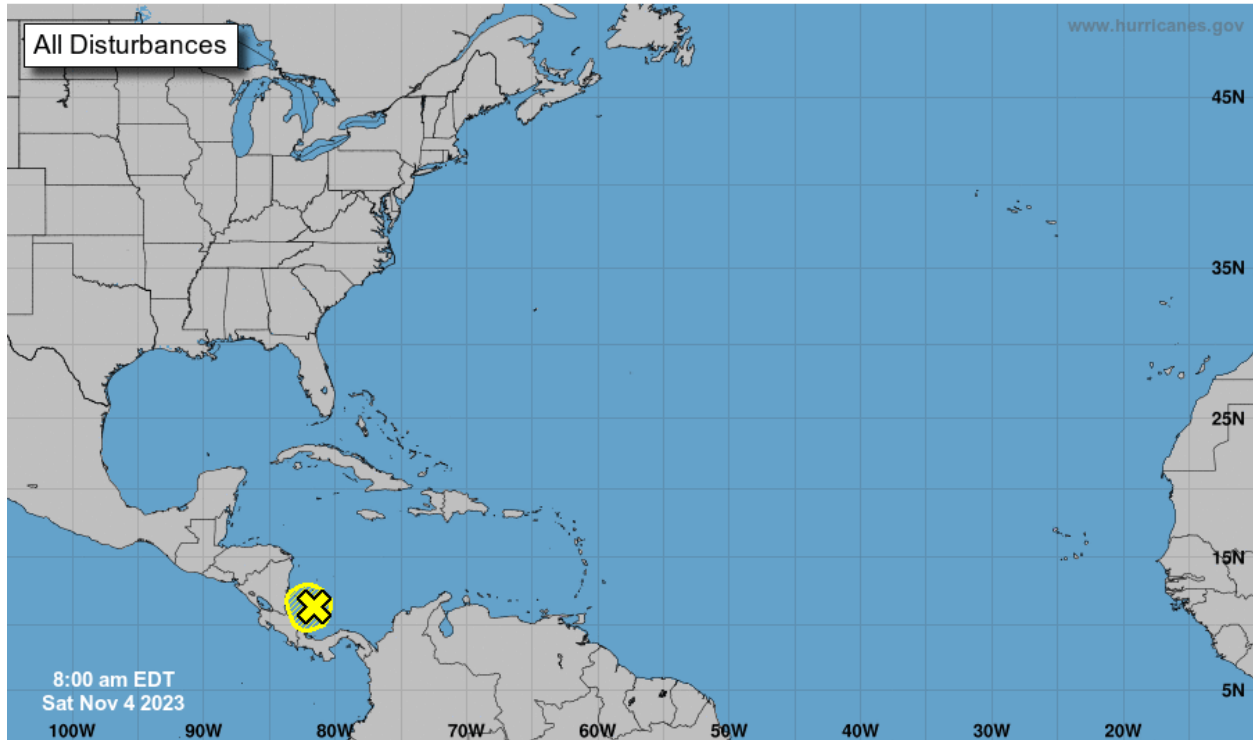
***Tropical Outlook***

<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

***About the Briefing!***

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