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The Briefing for December 10 - 2023

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Governor DeSantis' Budget to Be Discussed

This week several Appropriation Subcommittees in the House and Senate will focus on the Governor's Proposed Budget for FY 24-25. This week will be the last week of pre-session Committee Meetings being held in preparation for the upcoming Legislative Session.

Governor's Budget Proposal for 24-25

Governor's Budget Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Bill Format)

Education Deregulation Bills on Senate Fiscal Policy Agenda Next Tuesday

Fiscal Policy Committee

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 9:30—11:30 a.m. - 412 Knott Building:

- SB 7000 <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/7000> - by the Committee on Education Pre-K -12 (Simon)— Deregulation of Public Schools/Instructional, Administrative, and Support Personnel
- SB 7002 <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/7002> by the Committee on Education Pre-K -12 (Simon)— Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight
- SB 7004 <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/7004> - by the Committee on Education Pre-K -12 (Simon)— Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice

Taking Of Bears on House Committee Agenda

Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. -404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

[House Agriculture, Conservation, & Resiliency Subcommittee](#)

[Staff Analysis of HB 87](#)

The House Committee will take up a bill (HB 87), filed by Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, that would allow people to kill bears on their property without permits when they feel threatened or think it is necessary for protection.

Legislative Calendars

Here are links to the final House and Senate meeting calendars for next week.

[*Senate Calendar for Next Week Committee Meetings*](#)

[*House Calendar for Next Weeks Committee Meetings*](#)

Legislative Priorities of the Small County Coalition

[The Small County Coalition - 2024 Legislative Program - November 2023 .docx](#)

Legislative Priorities of the Small School District Council Consortium

[SSDCC 2024 Legislative Priorities - Adopted - Final Revised - November 2023 .docx](#)

Links to Monitor the Legislative Session

Link to the Florida Senate

Link to the Florida House of Representatives

The Florida Channel

Headlines Around The State

Sunday – December 10

CNN: Casey and Ron DeSantis play cleanup over Iowa caucus remarks

FlaPol: It's 2024 or bust for Ron DeSantis' presidential hopes

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis defends Never Back Down's 'smart' Iowa strategy

FlaPol: Ron and Casey DeSantis talk Christmas decorations, teleprompters and scooter mishaps in Iowa

FlaPol: 'Armor of God' is part of a DeSantis child's homework

FlaPol: 'Disappointed kids' drove Ron DeSantis to pledge \$1M to sue College Football Playoff

Democrat: 'Gut-wrenching and senseless': Trial begins in murder of gay rights activist Jorge Diaz-Johnston

The Hill: Florida school district adding 4-day weekends to combat chronic absences

Sun-Sentinel: Broward cities concerned New River tunnel-bridge dispute will delay commuter rail buildout

FlaPol: Donald Trump drags Ron DeSantis for 'walking on eggs' on 'high heels' during GOP debate

FlaPol: Team Trump thumps Casey DeSantis for urging out-of-state participation in Iowa caucuses

Floridian: Scott Moves to Outlaw Investing Taxpayer Dollars into Chinese-Made COVID-19 Tests

Floridian: Moskowitz Calls for Ivy League University Presidents to Resign Over Questionable Jewish Genocide Remarks

Floridian: Castor Demands Meta Answer for Allowing Child Sex Abuse Material to be Posted

Floridian: Gimenez Reacts to New 'Biden Family Criminal Enterprise' Indictments

Post: Frankel calls Florida constitutional amendment that would protect abortion rights

Times: No longer waiting on judges, Seminole Hard Rock opens its sportsbook

Sentinel: Orlando airport seeks to break promise to protect a lake forever as critics fear a development ploy

Saturday – December 9

WaPo: Iowa GOP says only residents can caucus after Casey DeSantis urges others to ‘participate’

FlaPol: Casey DeSantis wants out-of-state supporters to participate in Iowa caucuses

FlaPol: Ron and Casey DeSantis talk Christmas decorations, teleprompters and scooter mishaps in Iowa

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Nikki Haley would pick 'liberal Justices' for SCOTUS

CNN: Republican candidates descend on western Iowa for Feenstra forum

AP: DeSantis, Haley and Ramaswamy will appear in northwest Iowa days after a combative GOP debate

The Hill: Haley goes after DeSantis' environmental record

WLRN: Environmental group's 'shock' as state snubs \$320m in federal funding to reduce pollution

WUSF: Florida continues tapping the National Guard for state prisons

Floridian: Mast Praises Bill Protecting Gas Cars, Blasts Biden for Lack of Historic Knowledge

Floridian: Gaetz Seeks Retribution For 2019 Saudi Arabia Shootings

Floridian: Rubio Issues Statement Condemning Maduro's 'Bogus Warrants' Against Political Opponents

Floridian: Scott Blasts Schumer: 'Doesn't Care About Israel, Our Border'

Floridian: Salazar's Resolution Recognizes Machado as Venezuelan President

Floridian: Rubio Introduces Bill to Protect Education from Foreign Influence

NBC 6: 'Kill me quickly': Man writes letter to judge after pleading guilty in 2012 double murder in Coral Gables

PNJ: 'He is hated': House Republicans secretly consider expelling Matt Gaetz after booting George Santos

Sentinel: Special Report: Did deposed Orange-Osceola state attorney deserve blame for failed drug trafficking cases?

The Hill: Florida Democrat posts joking ‘in memoriam’ video for Santos, McCarthy

WUSF: Calls mount for Bridget Ziegler to resign from Sarasota School Board amid a sex scandal

FlaPol: 'Return to sender': New evidence in questions about residency of newly elected House member in South Florida

FlaPol: Bipartisan Safe Waterways Act floats cleaner, faster contaminated swimming water reporting

The Hill: Florida senator urges probe into alleged ‘sewage garlic’ from China

FlaPol: Lawmakers propose task force on missing, murdered African American women

Times: Florida plans to cut red tape for schools. But will lawmakers add some too?

Sun-Sentinel: Fort Lauderdale lost a homeless feeding ban case. Now the city owes \$640,000 in attorneys' fees.

Sentinel: School cellphone ban in Orange brings 'remarkable change,' educators say. Students miss them at lunch.

Sentinel: Judge overrules Ocoee city leaders, ruling former commissioner can run for his old seat

News 4 Jax: Mayor Deegan condemns antisemitic messages painted on Jacksonville signs, calls for love, light, and unity

Today: Cocoa Beach city manager Robin Hayes resigns; city will begin search for replacement

On the Docket – Week of December 11

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

— Legislature:

- HOUSE DEMOCRATS HOLD AVAILABILITY - Monday, 10 a.m. - House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, will hold a media availability. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87615840116?pwd=YINrRktOMERODy90aEg4RIJ4ei9CZz09>
- GENDER IDENTITY BILL - Monday, 10:45 a.m. - Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, Rep. Rita Harris, D-Orlando, and former Rep. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, are expected to take part in a news conference to oppose a bill (HB 599) that would place restrictions on government agencies in the use of personal pronouns. The bill, filed by Rep. Ryan Chamberlin, R-Belleview, also would restrict workplace training about issues involving sexual orientation and gender identity. The Center-Orlando, 946 North Mills Ave., Orlando.
- DISABILITIES PROGRAM - Monday, 1 p.m. - The House Health & Human Services Committee will receive a presentation from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities about a “pre-enrollment” list for what is known as the home and community-based services waiver. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HURRICANE IMPACTS - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The House Select Committee on Hurricane Resiliency & Recovery will receive presentations about local impacts from Hurricane Ian. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol
- PUBLIC COUNSEL - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight will receive an update from Public Counsel Walt Trierweiler. 12 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LOCAL AUDITS - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Joint Legislative Auditing Committee will consider requests for audits of the city of Mexico Beach and the town of Greenville and a presentation about an audit of the town of White Springs. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- INSURANCE ISSUES - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Insurance Guaranty Association Board of Directors will meet. Information at <https://figafacts.com/meetings/>
- TRANSPORTATION PANEL - Monday, 9 a.m. - The state Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will meet. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 395566126
- TAMPA BAY COUNCIL - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will meet. Information at <https://tbrpc.org/event/council-2/2023-12-11/>
- EDUCATION ISSUES OUTLINED - Monday, 3 p.m. - The Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and the Florida Philanthropic Network will hold a webinar about education issues in the upcoming 2024 legislative session. Information at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6505432503351635288>
- NEW COLLEGE BOARD - Monday, 4 p.m. - The New College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. Information at [https://www.ncf.edu/events/?filters\[category\]=public-notice#filter_results](https://www.ncf.edu/events/?filters[category]=public-notice#filter_results)
- I-75 WORK - Monday, 5:30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about changes to Interstate 75 in Sumter and Marion counties. Savannah Center, 1545 North Buena Vista Blvd., The Villages.

- UTILITY RATES - Monday, 6 p.m. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online meeting about a proposed rate increase by Royal Waterworks, Inc., which provides water and wastewater service in Broward County. Information at <https://www.floridapsc.com/>
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 6 p.m. - The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will meet. Daytona State College, Conference Center, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023

— Legislature:

- **DESANTIS BUDGET** - Tuesday, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. - At 8 a.m., the House Appropriations Committee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed 2024-2025 budget. At 9:30 a.m., the Senate Appropriations Committee will receive a presentation. House meeting in 212 Knott Building, the Capitol. Senate meeting in 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL DEREGULATION** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will take up bills (SB 7000, SB 7002 and SB 7004), sponsored by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, about reducing regulations on schools. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The House Education & Employment Committee will take up issues related to apprenticeship programs. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **CONGRESSIONAL TERM LIMITS** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The House State Affairs Committee will consider a proposed resolution (HCR 693), filed by Rep. David Borrero, R-Sweetwater, that would express support for congressional term limits. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House Criminal Justice Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 607), filed by Rep. Rachel Plakon, R-Lake Mary, that would set a minimum requirement for retaining sexual-assault kits of victims who do not report assaults to law enforcement. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **ELECTRIC VEHICLES** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee will receive presentations about automotive-electrification technologies. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **ADULT EDUCATION** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee will receive a presentation about adult-education programs. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **'MY SAFE FLORIDA' PROGRAM** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will receive an update about the My Safe Florida Home program, which helps residents pay for home upgrades to try to reduce insurance costs. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **THREATENING BEARS** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 87), filed by Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, that would allow people to kill bears on their property without permits when they feel threatened or think it is necessary for protection. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **HIGHER ED BUDGET OUTLINED** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed 2024-2025 budget. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **JUSTICE SYSTEM BUDGET** - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed 2024-2025 budget. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- **BEEF INDUSTRY** - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture Committee will receive an overview of Florida's beef industry. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **HEALTH CARE CHANGES PROPOSED** - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will take up bills (SPB 7016 and SPB 7018) about making changes in the health-care system, a priority of Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **SPECIAL ORDER SET** - Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. - The House Rules Committee will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the House floor. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

— **Also:**

- **MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD** - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Location; Miami Dade College, Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave., Miami.
- **FAITH PANEL** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Faith and Community-Based Advisory Council will meet. Sanibel Community Church. 1740 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel.
- **SUWANNEE WATER BOARD** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.
- **DISNEY CASE** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - U.S. District Judge Allen Winsor will hear arguments on requests by Gov. Ron DeSantis and a revamped Central Florida special district to dismiss a high-profile lawsuit filed by Walt Disney Parks and Resorts. The case centers on allegations that the state unconstitutionally retaliated against Disney because of the company's opposition to a controversial education law. Attorneys for DeSantis and the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District filed motions in September to dismiss the case. They dispute that a decision by DeSantis and lawmakers to replace the former Reedy Creek Improvement District with the Central Florida Tourism Oversight District was retaliation that violated Disney's First Amendment rights. Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee.
- **ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- **REFUGEE ISSUES** - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tallahassee-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- **STATE INVESTMENTS** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The state Investment Advisory Council will meet. The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee.
- **TAMPA BAY TASK FORCE** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force will meet. <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tampa-bay-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- **MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD** - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. Florida State College, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.

- DESANTIS TAKES PART IN TOWN HALL - Tuesday, 9 p.m. - Gov. Ron DeSantis will appear in a CNN town hall as part of his presidential campaign. Grand View University, Des Moines, Iowa. Broadcast on CNN.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023

— Legislature:

- SPECIAL DISTRICTS - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - The House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee will consider a bill (PCB LFS 24-02) that would make a series of changes related to special districts, including creating 12-year term limits for elected board members of most types of independent special districts. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ETHICS LEGISLATION - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will take up a bill (SB 7014) that would make a series of changes in ethics laws. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- FDLE COMMISSIONER - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation from Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Mark Glass. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- VACATION RENTALS - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will take up a bill (SB 280), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would revamp laws about vacation rental properties. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- JURY SERVICE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 462), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would require excusing from jury duty new mothers who make requests. The bill would apply to mothers up to six months after they give birth. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- NATURAL RESOURCES BUDGET - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed 2024-2025 budget. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- VOUCHER EXPANSION UPDATED - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee will receive a presentation about a new law (HB 1) that dramatically expanded eligibility for school vouchers. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- INFRASTRUCTURE BUDGET - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed 2024-2025 budget. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOME WARRANTIES - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 623), filed by Rep. Kevin Steele, R-Dade City, about the transfer of home warranties. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SUICIDE RECORDS EXEMPTION SOUGHT - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 474), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would create a public-records exemption for photos and recordings of people committing suicide. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES PROPOSED - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will consider a proposal (SB 260), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would require installation of ignition interlock devices on vehicles of people who refuse to take breath tests after being stopped for suspected drunken driving. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- VETERANS HONORED - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 357), filed by Rep. Jeff

Holcomb, R-Spring Hill, that would designate each November as “Veteran Appreciation Month.”
404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- MEDICAL MARIJUANA - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee will receive a briefing on the state medical-marijuana program. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- EDUCATION BUDGET ON TABLE - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis’ proposed 2024-2025 budget. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- YOUTH WORK RESTRICTIONS - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee will consider a bill (HB 49), filed by Rep. Linda Chaney, R-St. Pete Beach, that could lift restrictions on the numbers of hours that 16-year-old and 17-year-old youths can work. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ADVISORY BODIES - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 276), filed by Sen. Bryan Avila, R-Miami Springs, that would require agencies to file annual reports about advisory bodies. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- NATIONAL GUARD EXTENSION - Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. - The Joint Legislative Budget Commission will consider a series of issues, including a request for \$25.1 million to extend the use of Florida National Guard members to work at state prisons. The extension, which would last through June 30, stems from staffing shortages at prisons. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- TRANSGENDER TREATMENT TRIAL BEGINS - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - U.S. District Judge Robert Hinkle will start a trial in a challenge to a state law and rules that restrict treatments for transgender children and adults diagnosed with gender dysphoria. Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building, 111 North Adams St., Tallahassee
- FINANCIAL AID - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Education Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to student financial aid. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741
- 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: 261180880
- CENTRAL FLORIDA PLANNING COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. City of Winter Haven AdventHealth Fieldhouse & Conference Center, 210 Cypress Garden Blvd., Winter Haven.
- MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY HEARING HELD - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard will hold a hearing in a potential class-action lawsuit alleging Florida has not provided adequate information before dropping people from the Medicaid program. The hearing will include arguments on a request for a preliminary injunction that would require Medicaid officials to reinstate coverage to people dropped from the program in recent months and to end additional terminations until adequate information is provided. Also, the judge will hear arguments about certifying the case as a class action. Attorneys for Medicaid beneficiaries filed the lawsuit in August amid a process that the state started this spring to determine whether more than 5 million people enrolled in Medicaid remained eligible for benefits. The process was a result of the end of a federal COVID-19 public-health emergency. The state’s lawyers have disputed that the Medicaid program violated beneficiaries’ rights and said the judge should deny

the plaintiffs' requests for an injunction and certification as a class action. Bryan Simpson United States Courthouse, 300 North Hogan St., Jacksonville.

- CABINET AIDES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - Aides to Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson and state Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis are scheduled to meet to discuss issues in advance of a Dec. 19 Cabinet meeting. Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/orlando-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- COMMUNITIES TRUST PROGRAM - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Communities Trust Governing Board is scheduled to meet. 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- WORKERS' COMP - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Workers' Compensation Joint Underwriting Association Board of Governors will meet. Information at <https://www.fwcjua.com/#>
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Central time. - The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors, which administers settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. Pensacola State College, Bear Jones Moore Reeves Center for Math and Advanced Technology, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- 1000 FRIENDS PREVIEWS SESSION - Wednesday, noon. - 1000 Friends of Florida will hold a webinar in advance of the 2024 legislative session to discuss issues such as planning, conservation and transportation. Information at <https://1000fof.org/upcoming-webinars/>
- MEDICAID CASELOADS - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze caseloads in the Medicaid program. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- I-75 WORK - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about changes to Interstate 75 in Sumter and Marion counties. Ocala Hilton, 3600 S.W. 36th Ave., Ocala.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

— Legislature:

- HEALTH BUDGET - Thursday, 8 a.m. - The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will receive a presentation about Gov. Ron DeSantis' proposed 2024-2025 budget. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM BOARD - Thursday, 8 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will meet after an Audit and Compliance Committee meeting. The committee will start at 8 a.m., with the full board scheduled at 8:45 a.m. The committee and the board are expected to discuss the search for a new Florida Atlantic University president. Information at visit <https://www.flbog.edu/board/upcoming-meeting/>
- PATRONIS, INSURANCE LEADERS SPEAK - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - State Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, Insurance Commissioner Michael Yaworsky and Citizens Property Insurance President and CEO Tim Cerio will be among the speakers at a Florida Chamber of Commerce insurance "summit." JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek, 14900 Chelonia Parkway, Orlando.
- PHARMACY BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Pharmacy will meet. DoubleTree by Hilton Deerfield Beach-Boca Raton, 100 Fairway Dr., Deerfield Beach.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. South Florida Water Management District,

3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5UxCMRHZTjOMZAoUW8QNaA#/registration

- CHIROPRACTIC BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Chiropractic Medicine will meet. Information at <https://floridaschiropracticmedicine.gov/meeting-information/>
- UWF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 10 a.m. Central time. - The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of West Florida, UWF Conference Center, 11000 University Parkway, Building 22, Pensacola.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release weekly opinions.
- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Council of Presidents of the Florida College System will meet. Information at https://www.myafchome.org/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalrepeat.detail&:evid=744&:Itemid=119&:year=2023&:month=12&:day=14&:title=council-of-presidents-policy-and-advocacybusiness-meeting&:uid=e44ae104dd75abef7f19031cfbd1d408
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- GULF CONSORTIUM BOARD - Thursday, 4 p.m. - The Gulf Consortium Board of Directors, which works on issues related to the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/176854197>. Call-in number: 1-872-240-3212. Code: 176854197
- NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. - The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City. <https://meet.goto.com/339901101>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 339901101

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Tampa Airport Marriott, 4200 George Bean Parkway, Tampa.
- HEALTH INSURANCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Health Insurance Advisory Board is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 1-866-299-7949. Code: 1433866
- BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/772220436557488733>. Webinar ID: 558604475
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will take up issues related to the criminal-justice system. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FOOD DRIVE HELD - Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., state Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, state Rep. Brad Yeager, R-New Port Richey, and local officials are expected to take part in a holiday food drive hosted by Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano. Faith Baptist Church, 9230 Ridge Road, New Port Richey.
- CHILD ABUSE DEATHS - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Child Abuse Death Review Committee is scheduled to meet. Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.

- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/miami-dade-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- ALZHEIMER'S PANEL - Friday, noon. - The state Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee will hold a quarterly meeting. Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81958686397pwd=b0QwTzV0cDVEY2NONnFNS0VyaXpWQT09>. Meeting ID: 81958686397. Code: 937434.
- OPIOID SETTLEMENT - Friday, 12:30 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up issues related to a settlement with drug-industry companies over the opioid epidemic. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Friday, 12:30 p.m. - The 9th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for county judgeships in Orange and Osceola counties. Candidates scheduled to be interviewed are Christopher Bailey, Jeramy Beasley, Jennifer Cockroft, Celia Dorn, Joy Goodyear, David Harris, Robert Kingsford, Beryl McClary, Krissia Mendez, Migdalia Perez, Danielle Pinnell, Juna Pulayya, Ralph Seegobin, Lyneda Shorter, Jennifer Swadel and Dominic Tirado. Fishback Dominick LLP, 1947 Lee Road, Winter Park.
- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE HELD - Friday, 1 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves analyzing potential costs of legislation. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MILLS SPEAKS TO PINELLAS GOP - Friday, 5 p.m. - U.S. Rep. Cory Mills, R-Fla., is scheduled to speak during the Pinellas County Republican Party's Reagan Day "Blue Jeans & Blazers Dinner." Safety Harbor Resort & Spa, 105 North Bayshore Dr., Safety Harbor.

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