



The Briefing for December 22 - 2023

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Another year will soon be in the books, and it has flown by!

One thing is constant is the appreciation that we have for the honor of representing our clients. We are grateful for the officials in the 40 small counties that are members of the Small County Coalition; officials in the 36 school districts and the 3 regional educational consortia that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. And we are thankful for all of the relationships that we have built with the individuals and organizations (public and private) that have worked with us throughout the year(s)! Thank you!

"May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door."

Please take Note of the following upcoming events

Local Elected Officials will be coming Tallahassee in the 2nd week of the 2024 Legislative to support legislative priorities. The following meetings have been arranged to meet with small county officials prior to the meetings of the state associations. Meeting will included information on the status of legislative issues, information on key priorities, and other information that will help local officials maneuver through the legislative process.

Small County Coalition Legislative Reception

Tuesday - January 16th - 5:15pm-7:15pm

Venue -American Institute of Architects Florida Headquarters - 104 E. Jefferson St., Tallahassee,

Small School District Council Consortium Special Legislative Briefing

Wednesday – January 17 - 10:00am-11:45am

Venue - The Hayward House - 228 Adams Street

Full Slate of Upcoming Events

2024

January 9-	Legislative Session Begins
January 16 -	Small County Coalition Legislative Reception and Briefing Venue - American Institute of Architects - 104 E. Jefferson St.,
January 17-	Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day
January 17 -	Small School District Council Consortium Legislative Briefing Venue – Hayward House –228.Adams Street
January 17–18-	FSBA Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
January 24-25-	Rural Counties Day – A celebration of rural Florida.
March 8 -	Legislative Session Ends

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

On the Docket

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023 –

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for Christmas.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023 –

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for Christmas.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023 –

- PAROLE CASES CONSIDERED - Time: Wednesday, 10 a.m. - Description: The Florida Commission on Offender Review is scheduled to meet. - Location: Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- MASSAGE THERAPY PANEL MEETS - Time: Wednesday, 10 a.m.- Description: A probable cause panel of the Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 508909666

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for the New Year's weekend.
- DESANTIS CAMPAIGNS IN IOWA - Time: Friday, 3:30 p.m. Central time. - Description: Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to appear in Iowa as part of his presidential campaign. - Location: CJ Moyna and Sons, 206 Johnson St., Elkader, Iowa.

Headlines Around The State

Bloomberg: Haley, DeSantis Inundate Iowa With Attack Ads in Runner-Up Race

The Hill: DeSantis claims no 'phonier politician than Tricky Nikki' in latest attack ad

NBC: Ron DeSantis says he doesn't like Trump's 'blood' language on immigration because it doesn't help 'move the ball forward'

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis campaign can't 'commit' to pay travel costs for Iowa caucus supporters

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says he doesn't control his super PAC, and Iowans dont care about it anyway

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis wonders if Donald Trump was 'sincere' in opposing abortion as President

FlaPol: Screwdriver, parts issues with Chinese toys confound Ron DeSantis

FlaPol: Maintaining 'public housing' mattered to Ron DeSantis in 2022 re-election bid

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Santa Claus is 'in a pretty good spot' to meet his kids' Christmas needs

AP: DeSantis spread false information while pushing trans health care ban and restrictions, a judge says

Sentinel: Judge to rule on Florida transgender care restrictions 'as quick as I can'

Floridian: Mast Calls Fort Pierce a 'Dilapidated City' After Wife's Car Tires Stolen

Sentinel: GOP intrigue: Did party bigshots orchestrate smear of Lake County candidate?

Ocala Star-Banner: Local Republican chair faces libel lawsuit amid statewide troubles with GOP leadership

WLRN: Miami-Dade judge awaits sentencing recommendations for embattled Everglades scientist

Politico: DeSantis: 'I wish Trump hadn't been indicted on any of this stuff.'

The Hill: DeSantis dismisses Ramaswamy call to withdraw from Colorado ballot after Trump ruling

Herald: Shakedown City: Investigations, lawsuits and the anatomy of Miami's political scandals

Herald: In shakedown city, a culture of corruption prompts calls for competence and reform

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints 2 new Judges

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis torches a Christmas tree for public safety

FlaPol: Blaise Ingoglia calls for drug cartels to be designated as terrorist groups

Sentinel: 'Potentially disastrous': Florida lawmakers confront AI political ads

FlaPol: Cops find marijuana in former St. Johns Sheriff's SUV, let him go with warning

FlaPol: Miami-Dade lawmakers propose constitutional amendment banning red light cameras

Floridian: Scott Requests E-Commerce Retailers to Provide Country of Origin for Foreign Based Products

Herald: New Florida gambling bill puts Miami-Dade casino opponents on high alert

WLRN: FIU institutes a 'pause' in hiring Cuban, Chinese researchers as law goes into effect

WLRN: Ridership of high-speed rail service Brightline is on the rise

Post: Tri-Rail sees ridership surge as it prepares for downtown Miami service

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