

# 2024 Legislative Session Starts Tuesday!

## Heads Up!

*House Committee to consider Proposals to increase Homestead Exemptions. Proposals will significantly impact local government revenue.*

## The Briefing for January 6, 2024

The last Briefing was January 4, 2024  
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### House Reveals Proposal to Expand Homestead Exemption

House Ways & Means Committee- Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Sumner Hall (404 HOB)

Consideration of proposed committee bill(s):

Proposals 1 and 2 will increase homestead exemptions and have the effect of reducing local government ad valorem revenues collected. Proposal 3 is an implementing statute.

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### Tools to follow the Legislature

Links to House and Senate Home Pages

<https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/>  
<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

Link to watch Legislative Committees

<https://thefloridachannel.org/>

### ***Legislative Calendar***

#### ***House Schedule for Weeks 1 and 2***

#### ***Bills of Significant Interest Up on Monday and Wednesday***

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***Senate Environment and Natural Resources: Wednesday, January 10, 2024,***

***10:30 a.m.—12:00 noon, 301 Senate Building:***

***SB 632 (EN) by Senator Simon—Taking of Bears***

***<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2024/632>***

### ***Upcoming events***

***Small County Coalition Legislative Reception***

***Tuesday - January 16<sup>th</sup> - 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

January 17–18- Venue – Hayward House –228.Adams Street  
January 24-25- FSBA Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL  
March 8 - Rural Counties Day – A celebration of rural Florida.  
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***

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024**

- DESANTIS CAMPAIGNS IN IOWA
  - Time: Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Central time.
  - Description: Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to make an appearance in Iowa as part of his presidential campaign.
  - Location: McDivot’s Indoor Sports Pub, 3390 S.E. Crossroads Dr., Grimes, Iowa.
- LEGISLATIVE SESSION
  - Time: Sunday, 5 p.m.
  - Description: Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, is expected to take part in an online event by the Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus to discuss the 2024 legislative session.
  - Location: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUocO-grD4sHNbMhDO07kV5QftfMRJUCcCo#/registration>

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

##### **— Legislature:**

- **PROPERTY TAXES**
  - Time: Monday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The House Ways & Means Committee will take up a series of proposals that could make changes in the homestead exemption for property taxes.
  - Location: 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DEMOCRATS PREVIEW SESSION
  - Time: Monday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, and other House Democratic leaders will hold a media availability to discuss the 2024 legislative session.
  - Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86701274790?pwd=ZkN0R2lGdGlzZHI5NFg3bE9LZmdpzd09>
- BOOK, PIZZO HOLD AVAILABILITY
  - Time: Monday, 10:45 a.m.
  - Description: Senate Minority Leader Lauren Book, D-Davie, and Sen. Jason Pizzo, D-Sunny Isles Beach, will hold a media availability.
  - Location: Senate Democratic office, 228 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- ANTI-SEMITISM BILL
  - Time: Monday, 11 a.m.

- Description: The House Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (HB 187), filed by Rep. Mike Gottlieb, D-Davie, that would create a definition of anti-Semitism in state law.
- Location: 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DRUG PRICING
  - Time: Monday, 3 p.m.
  - Description: The House Health & Human Services Committee will receive a presentation about international drug reference pricing, which is a method of pharmaceutical pricing.
  - Location: Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- LAND CONSERVATION
  - Time: Monday, 3 p.m.
  - Description: The House Infrastructure Strategies Committee will receive presentations about land conservation.
  - Location: 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
    - Also:
- MEDICAID MONEY
  - Time: Monday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to Medicaid expenditures and managed-care rates.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD
  - Time: Monday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will.
  - Location: St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- STATE BUDGET
  - Time: Monday, 11:30 a.m.
  - Description: Florida For All, which includes a coalition of organizations across the state, will hold a news conference to discuss budget priorities in advance of Tuesday's start of the 2024 legislative session.
  - Location: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdO6vrDgsG9C913ehWKJgQa7eaWn6W\\_PP#/registration](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdO6vrDgsG9C913ehWKJgQa7eaWn6W_PP#/registration)
- GOP CHAIRMAN
  - Time: Monday, 1 p.m.
  - Description: The Republican Party of Florida Executive Committee will discuss whether to replace party Chairman Christian Ziegler, who has been under police investigation for an alleged sexual assault.
  - Location: Tallahassee Conference Center, 2900 North Monroe St., Tallahassee.
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES
  - Time: Monday, 1 p.m.
  - Description: The Florida Transportation Commission will.
  - Location: Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.
- TRANSPORTATION REVENUES
  - Time: Monday, 2 p.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss transportation revenues.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

### — Legislature:

- SPECIAL ORDER SET

- Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
- Description: The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor.
- Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SENATE STARTS SESSION**
  - Time: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate will convene to help start the 2024 legislative session.
  - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- **HOUSE STARTS SESSION**
  - Time: Tuesday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The House will convene to help start the 2024 legislative session.
  - Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- **DESANTIS GIVES STATE OF STATE**
  - Time: Tuesday, 11 a.m.
  - Description: Gov. Ron DeSantis will give his annual State of the State address to formally launch the 2024 legislative session.
  - Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- **PASSIDOMO HOLDS MEDIA AVAILABILITY**
  - Time: Tuesday, 2 p.m.
  - Description: Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, will hold a media availability.
  - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- **BALANCED BUDGET, TERM LIMITS**
  - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
  - Description: The House will hold a floor session and take up a proposal (HCR 703), filed by Rep. Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, that would serve as Florida's application to Congress to call a convention to propose a constitutional amendment to require a balanced federal budget. The House also will take up a proposal (HCR 693), filed by Rep. David Borrero, R-Sweetwater, that would similarly support a convention to propose a constitutional amendment on congressional term limits.
  - Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- **IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**
  - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a series of issues, including a proposal (SM 598), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would call on the federal government to secure the U.S. southern border.
  - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **DOMESTIC SECURITY**
  - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will receive a presentation from the Florida Sheriffs Association about domestic security.
  - Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS COSTS**
  - Time: Tuesday, 2:30 p.m.

- Description: The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will take up a bill (SB 480), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would allow utilities to recoup costs from customers for renewable natural-gas projects.
- Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- WORKERS' COMP TREATMENT
  - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will consider a proposal (SB 362), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would allow higher reimbursements for physicians and surgical procedures in the treatment of workers' compensation patients.
  - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DEVELOPMENT ISSUES
  - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 328), filed by Chairwoman Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would address a series of development and housing issues, including providing \$100 million for the Hometown Hero housing program.
  - Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TCC NAME CHANGE PROPOSED
  - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 522), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would change the name of Tallahassee Community College to Tallahassee State College.
  - Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RETIREMENT SYSTEM PAYMENTS
  - Time: Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will take up a bill (SPB 7024) that would set contribution amounts for government agencies to fund the Florida Retirement System.
  - Location: 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

**— Also:**

- FGCU TRUSTEES
  - Time: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will.
  - Location: Florida Gulf Coast University, Cohen Student Union, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers.
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD
  - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will.
  - Location: Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- SLOT MACHINES
  - Time: Tuesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to slot machines at casinos.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PARI-MUTUELS
  - Time: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

- Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up issues involving pari-mutuel wagering.
- Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNEMPLOYMENT FUND PROJECTED
  - Time: Tuesday, 10 a.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will update a forecast for the state Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PRE-K PROGRAM
  - Time: Tuesday, 2 p.m.
  - Description: The Early Learning Programs Estimating Conference will address issues related to the voluntary pre-kindergarten program.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024**

#### **— Legislature:**

- ANIMAL SHELTER RECORDS
  - Time: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up a bill (SB 660), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would provide a public-records exemption for information about people who adopt or foster pets from animal shelters or animal-control agencies.
  - Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SEXUAL ASSAULT KITS
  - Time: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will consider a proposal (SB 764), filed by Sen. Linda Stewart, D-Orlando, that would set a minimum requirement for retaining sexual-assault kits of victims who do not report assaults to law enforcement.
  - Location: 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOT CAR DEATHS TARGETED
  - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 554), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, designed to raise public awareness and prevent deaths of children left in hot cars.
  - Location: 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MUSIC PROGRAM FOR SCHOOLS
  - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will consider a proposal (SB 590), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that is aimed at supplementing middle-school science, technology, engineering and math education with “music-based” learning materials.
  - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BEAR THREATS
  - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will take up a bill (SB 632), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would allow people to kill bears on their property without permits when they feel threatened or think it is necessary for protection.

- Location: 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- LEFT-LANE DRIVERS
  - Time: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate Transportation Committee will consider a proposal (SB 258), filed by Sen. Keith Perry, R-Gainesville, that would make it illegal to drive in the left lane of highways with at least two lanes in the same direction and maximum speed limits of 65 mph or higher. The prohibition would not apply when drivers are trying to pass other motorists.
  - Location: 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- ETHICS LEGISLATION
  - Time: Wednesday, 1 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (SB 7014) that would make a series of changes in ethics laws.
  - Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION
  - Time: Wednesday, 3 p.m.
  - Description: The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session.
  - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET
  - Time: Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session.
  - Description: The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor.
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#### **OTHER SCHEDULEDINGS**

- House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Energy, Communications & Cybersecurity Subcommittee (8 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Postsecondary Education & Workforce Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee (8 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ethics, Elections & Open Government Subcommittee (11 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee (11 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Water Quality, Supply & Treatment Subcommittee (11 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Agriculture, Conservation & Resiliency Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Children, Families & Seniors Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee (1:30 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee (4 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)



- House Education Quality Subcommittee (4 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Local Administration, Federal Affairs & Special Districts Subcommittee (4 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Transportation & Modals Subcommittee (4 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

**— Also:**

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS DAY**
  - Children’s Home Society of Florida and the University of Central Florida’s Center for Community Schools will host the 5th Annual Community Partnership Schools Day at the Capitol.
- **HEALTHY KIDS BOARD**
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will.
  - Location: Hotel Duval, 415 North Monroe St., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-792-4925. Code: 971465827
- **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Education Estimating Conference will analyze enrollment in the pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade system.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **PAROLE CASES**
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Commission on Offender Review will.
  - Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- **LIFE AND HEALTH PANEL**
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The board of the Florida Life & Health Insurance Guaranty Association is scheduled to.
  - Location: Renaissance Tampa International Plaza Hotel, 4200 Jim Walter Blvd., Tampa.
- **UTILITY ISSUES**
  - Time: Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Public Service Commission will.
  - Location; Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- **JUDGE WEIGHS BOOK CASE**
  - Time: Wednesday, 10 a.m. Central time.
  - Description: U.S. District Judge T. Kent Wetherell will hold a hearing on the Escambia County School Board’s request to dismiss a lawsuit challenging removal and restrictions on school library books. Seven parents of schoolchildren, five authors, the publishing company Penguin Random House and the free-speech group PEN America filed the lawsuit, arguing that removing or restricting access to the books violated First Amendment and constitutional equal-protection rights.
  - Location: U.S. Courthouse, 1 Palafox St., Pensacola.
- **STATE WORKER INSURANCE**
  - Time: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

- Description: The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will address issues related to the health-insurance program for state employees.
- Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- REFUGEE PANEL
  - Time: Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will.
  - Location: Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- DESANTIS, HALEY DEBATE
  - Time: Wednesday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis and former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley are scheduled to take part in a CNN debate as they seek the Republican presidential nomination.
  - Location: Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.
- FINANCE REPORTS
  - State candidates, political committees and parties face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Dec. 31.

## **THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024**

### **— Legislature:**

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION
  - Time: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session.
  - Location: Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION
  - Time: Thursday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The House is scheduled to hold a floor session.
  - Location: House chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET
  - Time: Thursday, 15 minutes after Senate morning committeeings.
  - Description: The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor.
  - Location: 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

### **OTHER SCHEDULEDINGS**

- Senate Appropriations Committee (10 a.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (10 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Constitutional Rights, Rule of Law & Government Operations Subcommittee (11 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee (11 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee (11 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Regulatory Reform & Economic Development Subcommittee (11 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee (1 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee (1 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)

- Senate Finance and Tax Committee (1 p.m., 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Choice & Innovation Subcommittee (2 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Civil Justice Subcommittee (2 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee (2 p.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (2 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee (3 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee (3 p.m., 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Education Appropriations Committee (3 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules Committee (5:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

**— Also:**

- **RURAL COUNTIES – Note – this a routine review**
  - Time: Thursday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will address issues related to fiscally constrained counties, which include many rural counties.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION FUNDING**
  - Time: Thursday, 8:45 a.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss the Public Education Capital Outlay, or PECO, program.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **GAMBLING ISSUES**
  - Time: Thursday, 9:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Gaming Control Commission will.
  - Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- **SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS**
  - Time: Thursday, 11 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- **NORTHWEST WATER BOARD**
  - Time: Thursday, 1 p.m.
  - Description: The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will.
  - Location: Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management District Dr., Havana.
- **LOTTERY**
  - Time: Thursday, 1:30 p.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze lottery issues.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **FLORIDA GATEWAY BOARD**
  - Time: Thursday, 5 p.m.
  - Description: The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will.
  - Location: Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024**

**— Legislature:**

- HEALTH ISSUES
  - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The House Select Committee on Health Innovation is scheduled to.
  - Location: Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

**Also:**

- DESANTIS CAMPAIGNS IN IOWA
  - Time: Friday, 7:15 a.m. Central time.
  - Description: Gov. Ron DeSantis is scheduled to make an appearance in Iowa as part of his presidential campaign.
  - Location: The District Venue, 1350 S.W. Vintage Parkway, Ankeny, Iowa.
- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD
  - Time: Friday, 8:30 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will.
  - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE
  - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves analyzing potential costs of legislation.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM
  - Time: Friday, 9 a.m.
  - Description: The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force is scheduled to.
  - Location: R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- CITRUS FORECAST
  - Time: Friday, noon.
  - Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture is scheduled to update its projections for the 2023-2024 citrus growing season.
  - Location: Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- TRUST FUNDS
  - Time: Friday, 4 p.m.
  - Description: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund.
  - Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

### **Headlines Around The State**

*The Hill: Trump says DeSantis should ‘get on a plane and go back to Florida today’*

*News-Press: Trump-aligned super PAC hits Fla. Gov. DeSantis with some scathing Tallahassee billboards*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says Jan. 6 wouldn’t have happened if he were President*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis denounces ‘weaponized’ ethics complaint filed last year by Donald Trump allies*

*FlaPol: Thomas Massie, Ron DeSantis joke about former Surgeon General getting fired*

*FlaPol: Oklahoma or Arkansas? Ron DeSantis eyes move for DOJ Civil Rights Division*

*FlaPol: Ron DeSantis says legalizing weed would boost black market*

*Sentinel: DeSantis-led Florida has rejected \$11 billion in federal funding in recent years*  
*Sentinel: Orange lawmakers advance long-shot bill repealing DeSantis' Disney board takeover*  
*The Hill: DeSantis: Conservative media is afraid to criticize Trump*  
*The Hill: Haley doesn't rule out considering DeSantis for running mate*  
*Floridian: DeSantis Calls out 'Phony' Haley*  
*AP: The Perry school shooting creates new questions for Republicans in Iowa's presidential caucuses*  
*Times: Tampa Bay mayors excited about housing, development, Rays deal in 2024*  
*Sentinel: GOP lawmaker Amesty files suit against Orlando Sentinel*  
*WLRN: Delray Beach's \$115 million safety plan aims to improve pedestrian, bicycle lanes*  
*Axios: What to expect from 2024 politics in Miami and Florida*  
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