



Day 24 – 36 to go!
Important links in today’s briefing that provide information on the Budget Proposals the FEFP, and status of legislation being tracked.



The Briefing for Feb 1, 2024

The last Briefing was January 30, 2024

[Tallahassee, FL 10-Day Weather Forecast - The Weather Channel | Weather.com](#)

Legislative Calendars

**Next Wednesday will be ½ Way Mark
 Policy Subcommittee will start shutting down!**




[Senate Calendar through Next Monday](#)

[House Calendar through Friday](#)

Proposed Senate and House Budgets Go to Full House and Senate Floor Next Week

House Budget Documents

House released the full text of HB 5001 (General Appropriations Act), which was formerly PCB APC 24-01. The House Budget bill lists a figure for total spending of \$115,547,289,055.

<u>HB 5001</u>	General Appropriations Act	
<u>HB 5003</u>	Implementing the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act	
<u>HB 5005</u>	Collective Bargaining	

Senate Budget Documents

The Senate released the full text of SB 2500 (Appropriations) and SB 2502 (Implementing Bill). The bills were formerly PCBs, and these new texts incorporate all adopted amendments. The Senate Budget bill lists a figure for total spending of \$115,939,248,697.

- The bills will be heard on the Floor February 7, 2024.
- The deadline for filing amendments to SB 2500 and SB 2502 is 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 5, 2024. (Suite 201, The Capitol)
- The deadline for filing amendments to amendments and substitute amendments to SB 2500 and SB 2502 is 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 6, 2024. (Suite 201, The Capitol)

<u>SB 2500</u>	Appropriations <u>2500.pdf</u>
<u>SB 2502</u>	Implementing the 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act <u>2502.pdf</u>
<u>SB 2516</u>	Education <u>2516.pdf</u>

Education Funding – Here are the House and Senate FEFP Proposals

[Senate Florida Education Finance Program \(FEFP\) - 2/1/24](#)

K-12 Deregulation Bills

[Dereg Comparison Senate-House 01302024 \(003\).pdf](#)

A major priority for this session has been the “deregulation” of unnecessary regulations that if deleted will provide additional flexibility for public school districts. In the Senate there are three bills 7000, 7002, and 7004. The House has bills that contain some provisions but are different. –

- SB 7000 dealing with issues related to Instructional, Administrative, and Support Personnel. The House bill HB 7039 differs but is the comparative bills to SB7000.
- SB 7002 deals with School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight. The House Companion – HB 7039 differs but the following link provides a comparison.
- SB 7004 deals with Assessment and Accountability, Instruction and Education Choice. The House Companion is 7025 – it differs.

Note – the chart linked above is great in showing the similarities and differences with the proposed legislation. It was designed by Bob Cerra.

FEB 1 -Status of Bills Being Tracked

The following bill reports provided a brief narrative of the bill along with the current location of the bill. The bill numbers are active links to bill information.

[Status of Education Bills Tracked as of Feb. 1.docx](#)

[Status of Local Government Bills Tracked as of Feb 1 .docx](#)

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/>

Headlines Around the State

FlaPol: Chip Roy says Ron DeSantis 'killing it' on social media after leaving 2024 race

Post: Despite donor threat from Trump, Haley plans to host fundraiser in Palm Beach

FlaPol: Rick Scott taunts Nikki Haley for staying in presidential race

My News 13: Disney lawsuit against Gov. Ron DeSantis dismissed by federal judge

Bradenton Herald: Judge tosses Disney's lawsuit vs DeSantis, saying retaliation claim lacks merit

WUSF: Florida's agriculture commissioner says food is a national security issue

Today: 3 years in, is conservative group Moms for Liberty losing influence?

CBS Miami: Florida Democratic Party calls for resignation of Miami Mayor Francis Suarez

NBC Miami: Ethics complaint against Miami Mayor Francis Suarez dismissed

WUSF: More than 4.2 million Floridians sign up for ACA health plans during open enrollment

WLRN: Florida ports see a boost in cargo and cruise traffic

WFLA: 825 firearms were intercepted at Florida airports last year, TSA says

Herald: Ex-congressman Rivera wins another fight against feds in bid to hire top lawyer

Times: Duke seeks rate hike, but says customers should see lower bills in 2025

PNJ: Florida STI rates higher than national average. Here's a by-the-numbers look

Sun-Sentinel: A break for renters? South Florida sees signs of rental prices dropping

Times: How corporate investors are taking over Tampa Bay's neighborhoods

WLRN: Miami-Dade model for combating human trafficking, state attorney says

Politico: Judge delivers major blow to free speech lawsuits brought by pro-Palestinian groups against DeSantis

Sun-Sentinel: Judge: Florida official overstepped authority in DeSantis effort to stop pro-Palestinian group

WLRN: 'We are children': Push to weaken Florida's child labor laws draws ire from opponents

My News 13: Florida lawmakers propose measures to loosen state gun laws

Democrat: 2024 Session: Florida Legislature rolling back state spending in 'austere' budget plans

Democrat: Democratic lawmakers propose 'Right to Contraception Act' to protect access in Florida

Sentinel: Florida House, Senate budgets disagree on prisons, health care, home hardening

WLRN: Changes, more funding coming to 2023's affordable housing law

FlaPol: Lawmakers renew push for parental consent, limits on corporal punishment in schools

WLRN: Sen. Berman's 'property rights' bill clears its first hurdle in the Florida Senate

Sentinel: Florida lawmakers propose guardianship reforms but bills languish

Times: Florida Prepaid plan cuts prices, citing years of low tuition increases

News4Jax: Family says proposed Florida legislation that would cap some medical malpractice awards a 'slap in the face'

The Capitolist: Illegal gaming bill clears House committee despite regulatory hiccups

FlaPol: Staff, faculty at 28 state colleges qualify for state employee health insurance plan under Senate budget

FlaPol: Debbie Mayfield faces complaint after reporting \$1M in previously undisclosed stocks in stepson's company

FlaPol: School bus camera bill hits speed bump with revenue-sharing change

Times: After billionaires come out in opposition, this casino bill was withdrawn from agenda

WUSF: Floridians could kill black bears when threatened at home under a bill ready for House vote

The Capitolist: Timeshare tax changes approved in House

PNJ: New bill could force restoration of Pensacola Confederate monument

PNJ: Florida Senate puts up \$5 million for Baptist Hospital demolition

Democrat: FSU faculty union says it has enough members to remain certified

On The Docket This Week

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, noon. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. - House chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Select Committee on Health Innovation (9 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)

Also:

- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE HELD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an "impact" conference, which involves estimating the potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PANHANDLE COUNCIL MEETS - Friday, 1:30 p.m. - The Emerald Coast Regional Council Board of Directors will meet. - Hotel Effie, 1 Grand Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach.

Headlines Around the State

Politico: DeSantis returns to his comfort zone

Times: Was Ron DeSantis overrated?

FlaPol: Bill banning out-of-pocket charges for breast imaging could help thousands in Florida

FlaPol: House budget bill lets state gambling enforcers keep contraband, proceeds

The Hill: Scott hammers Democratic opponent as liar over abortion attack

News 4 Jax: New study shows child care costs are more than in-state college tuition in Florida

WUSF: Abortion access amendment is apparently on the 2024 Florida ballot

Post: A 'time capsule': Officials take emotional tour of Parkland school

WLRN: In move towards transparency, Broward's top prosecutor unveils criminal justice data dashboard

FlaPol: Blocked? Gov. DeSantis voices legal concerns with bill banning social media for minors.

Sentinel: DeSantis cautious about social media ban for kids, cites legal woes

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Robert Bender to Escambia Supervisor of Elections

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis touts semiconductor industry, \$35M in workforce grants

WUSF: DeSantis wants an appeals court to reconsider panel's ruling on Warren suspension

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis lashes out at Joe Biden over LNG export pause

FlaPol: Judge criticizes Gov. DeSantis, appointee for 'running their mouths' in effort to shut down pro-Palestinian college groups

Politico: Pro-Palestinian groups targeted by DeSantis urge Florida court to block punishments

FlaPol: Gavin Newsom says Ron DeSantis avoided getting 'trounced in his own state' by dropping out

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