



The Briefing for March 10, 2024

The last Briefing was March 8, 2024

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

Here is the initial report on the 2024 Session – Additional Information will be forthcoming!

The 2024 Legislative Session of over – Sine Die!

As the dust clears from the 2024 – it turned out to be a good session. Although there were some difficult issues, local governments and school districts ended up in a good position considering what could have happened.

Over the next week – I will formalize reports covering what passed – what died – what happened to legislation important to the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium.

Here's a link to the Approved Budget for 2024-25

[*Link to Budget Proposal in Budget Form - WordSearchable*](#)

[*Link to the Florida Education Funding Formula - District By District*](#)

Here's a brief look at some of the top issues -

- The legislature continued to support ***Fiscally Constrained counties*** providing for offsets for upcoming constitutional amendments, carve outs for legislation mandating homeless camps, additional funding for Idalia hit counties, and numerous grants for safe school canines; ERate; and funds for Generators for Emergency Shelters.
- ***Term-Limits Died*** – a collective effort led by Small County Commissioners to defeat this issue.
- Passage of a slimmed-down version of ***K-12 Public School Deregulation***.
- Changes to ***Sovereign Immunity Died*** – collective actions led by a large group of stakeholders were able to bog down the proposals that would have resulted in significant insurance rate increases.

- *On-line Protection of Minors* relating to access to social media platforms.
- Favorable legislation for *Rural Economic Development, Rural Hospitals, Small County Roads, and a Self-Defense Bear bill* passed as well.
- Another significant win was the formula change that provides a *salary adjustment for School Superintendents* that has been way overdue.

Some Initial Reports on Bills That Passed

 [Bills that passed the 2024 Session.docx](#)

 [Education Bills that were tracked that passed .docx](#)

 [Local Government Related bills that passed that were tracked.docx](#)

[Budget and Related Legislation .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/>

On The Docket for the Week

I will be out of the office for all of next week!

I'm going to Disney World!



Headlines Around the State

FlaPol: Marco Rubio, Rick Scott renew 'lock the clock' push

The Hill: Florida Democrat: Marginalized communities won't 'survive' a second Trump term

The Floridian: Congressional Republicans Lobby Biden to Protect Florida's Ecosystem

The Floridian: 'End Fentanyl' Act Passes Congress Unanimously, Heads to Biden for Ratification

The Floridian: Salazar, Gimenez, and Balart Host Conference Asking Biden Retain Cuba's State Sponsor of Terrorism Designation

The Floridian: Waltz Calls for Release of Imprisoned Uyghurs in China

USA Today: Man yelling 'Remember Abbey Gate' interrupts State of the Union: Who was the protester?

Sun-Sentinel: New study shows how much renters' income stretches in Florida

Times-Union: JEA trial: Herschel Vinyard testifies he warned public would "light themselves on fire"

Times: Florida measles outbreak: How quickly could it spread?

WLRN: One of the rarest fish on the planet is dying in the Keys. Scientists are struggling to find out why

FlaPol: Here are 25 bills that died this Session. Will they come back next year?

Democrat: Sine die done: Here are the winners and losers of the 2024 Florida Legislative Session

WUSF: In Florida, skyrocketing insurance rates test resolve of homeowners in risky areas

Herald: Workers could see changes to their wages in 2026 if DeSantis signs bill

FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo celebrates Live Healthy, other Senate wins

FlaPol: Sierra Club seeks vetoes from Gov. DeSantis

FlaPol: PEN America warns Florida will get sued over youth social media ban

FlaPol: Flags at half staff Monday to honor Betty Holzendorf

FlaPol: Everglades Trust hails restoration funds

Herald Tribune: FEMA to charge rent on trailers as many Sarasota families continue to recover from Ian

FlaPol: Florida Association of Managing Entities, Florida Behavioral Health Organization celebrate mental health legislation

About the Briefing!

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