



The Briefing for Feb 10, 2024

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Legislative Calendars

Monday Feb 12

Day 35 of 60! 25 to go!

[House Calendar for Monday - Wednesday](#)

[Senate Calendar for Days 35, 36, and 37](#)

Two Priority Bills on Senate Committee Agenda's this week!

Tuesday

CS/SB 1262: Qualifications for County Emergency Management Directors

Bill Text: [Web Page](#) | [PDF](#)

Note – the House bill has an amendment pending to delete bachelors degree requirement – the Senate has not yet filed a similar amendment.

On Committee agenda—[Senate Appropriations Committee on Agriculture, Environment, and General Government](#) - , 02/13/24, 8:30 am, 110 Senate Building - Qualifications for County Emergency Management Directors; Requiring county emergency management directors to meet specified qualifications; requiring such directors to meet such qualifications by a specified date, etc. - **Effective Date:** 7/1/2024

Wednesday

CS/SB 438: Term Limits - Bill Text: [Web Page](#) | [PDF](#)

Note – this is the last committee stop in the Seante. House Companion is on hold until Senate acts. On Committee agenda—[Senate Rules](#), - 02/14/24, 9:00 am, 412 Knott Building -- Term Limits; Establishing term limits for county commissioners; prohibiting specified persons from

seeking certain offices until after a specified timeframe; requiring certain counties to hold a referendum election on a specified date; providing for the referendum election; providing the form for the ballot title and referendum question, etc. - **Effective Date:** 7/1/2024

House and Senate Budget Proposals

SB 2500: Appropriations

GENERAL BILL by Appropriations

After adopting their budget on Thursday – the Senate took up the House Bill HB 5001 and amended the content of SB 2500 onto the House bill. This indicates a rejection of the House proposals and signals the beginning of the conference process.

APPROPRIATION: \$115,939,248,697

Last Action: 2/8/2024 Senate - Laid on Table, refer to [HB 5001](#) -SJ 322

Bill Text: [Web Page](#) | [PDF](#)

HB 5001: General Appropriations Act

GENERAL BILL by Appropriations Committee ; Leek

APPROPRIATION: \$115,547,289,055

Last Action: 2/8/2024 House - In Messages

Bill Text: [Web Page](#) | [PDF](#)

FEFP Funding Proposals for K-12 School Districts

Senate Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) - 2/1/24

House Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) 2/1/24

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

— Legislature:

- ‘CULTIVATED MEAT’ - Monday, 2 p.m. - The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1071), filed by Rep. Danny Alvarez, R-Hillsborough County, that would address a series of Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services issues, including imposing a ban on making or selling “cultivated” meat in the state. Cultivated meat, sometimes known as lab-grown meat, involves a process of taking a small number of cultured cells from animals and growing them in controlled settings to make food. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Monday, 5:15 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:

- CITRUS ISSUES - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission is scheduled to review scientific research contracts. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 258577262
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will . 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TAMPA BAY COUNCIL - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council will . 4000 Gateway Centre Blvd. Suite 100, Pinellas

Park. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83378505645?pwd=bDYweUxudVh3cDhNZE9aTHZMYTBMZz09.ing>
ID: 83378505645. Code: 286877

- **FALLEN TROOPER HONORED** - Monday, 11 a.m. - A funeral service will be for Florida Highway Patrol trooper Zachary Fink, who died in the line of duty Feb. 2. Gov. Ron DeSantis has ordered that flags be flown at half-staff Monday at the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in Port St. Lucie, the St. Lucie County Courthouse and Port St. Lucie City Hall. Christ Fellowship Church, Port St. Lucie.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

— Legislature:

- **CITIZENS COVERAGE CAP CONSIDERED** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 1106), filed by Sen. Ed Hooper, R-Clearwater, that would allow residents with homes valued at more than \$700,000 to get coverage from the state's Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Under current law, Citizens is barred from selling policies for homes with a "dwelling replacement cost" of \$700,000 or more, except in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties, where the limit is \$1 million. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **STRIP CLUBS** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1690), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that would prevent people under age 21 from working in adult-entertainment establishments. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **SCHOOL SECURITY** - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 1396), filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that would establish a program to provide money for security upgrades at Jewish day schools and preschools. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **JOBLESS BENEFITS** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Infrastructure & Tourism Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1289), filed by Rep. Shane Abbott, R-DeFuniak Springs, that would add conditions that can disqualify people from receiving unemployment benefits. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **PENALTIES EYED IN MIGRANT CRIMES** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Justice Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1449), filed by Rep. Kiyon Michael, R-Jacksonville, that would increase criminal penalties for immigrants who are arrested for felonies after illegally re-entering the U.S. following deportation for earlier crimes. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **HISTORY OF COMMUNISM** - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1349), filed by Rep. Chuck Brannan, R-Macclenny, and Rep. James Buchanan, R-Osprey, that would require public-school students to receive instruction about the history of communism. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- **'MY SAFE FLORIDA HOME' EYED** - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. - The House State Administration & Technology Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1263), filed by Rep. Chip LaMarca, R-Lighthouse Point, that would make changes to the My Safe Florida Home program, which provides grants to residents for improving homes to better withstand hurricanes. 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **SPECIAL ORDER SET** - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 330), filed by Sen. Jim Boyd, R-Bradenton, that would create a behavioral-health teaching hospitals program. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **DIAGNOSIS INFORMATION PROPOSED** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 288), filed by Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez, R-Homestead, that would allow people to provide information on vehicle-registration applications about diagnoses of disabilities or conditions such as autism, Alzheimer's disease, post-traumatic stress disorder and deafness. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **TIMESHARE TAX CHANGES EYED** - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Finance and Tax Committee will consider a proposal (SB 886), filed by Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, that would lead to changes in the

valuation of timeshare units for property taxes. The proposal would lead to reduced property-tax revenues for some local governments. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- MEDICAID DATA - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 783), filed by Rep. Kim Berfield, R-Clearwater, that would establish requirements for analysis and publication of data about Medicaid managed-care plans. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'BLUE ECONOMY' - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 1311), filed by Rep. Chip LaMarca, R-Lighthouse Point, and Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, that would establish an Office of the Blue Economy to work on ocean-related economic issues. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- FLORIDA POLY TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will . Florida Polytechnic University, Applied Research Center, Lakeland. Call-in number: 1-863-225-2351. Code: 952749986
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will . Suwannee River Water Management District, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak.
- DOG BARS CASE HEARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - A panel of the 1st District Court of Appeal will hear arguments in a dispute about whether dogs should be allowed in bars. The Florida Department of Health appealed after Administrative Law Judge Lynne Quimby-Pennock last year ruled the department had not properly revised a rule to prevent Pups Pub Tampa and Pups Pub Orlando from allowing customers to bring pets to the dog-friendly bars. 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will . St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida SouthWestern State College Board of Trustees will . Florida SouthWestern State College, Lee Campus, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers.
- MEDICAL EXAMINERS - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The state Medical Examiners Commission will . Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- COMMUNITIES TRUST BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Communities Trust Governing Board will . Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- JACKSONVILLE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Florida State College at Jacksonville Board of Trustees will . Florida State College at Jacksonville, 501 West State St., Jacksonville.
- I-4 PLAN - Tuesday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online ing about the "Southwest Connect" Interstate 4 master plan, from west of Polk Parkway to west of U.S. 27 in Polk County. www.SWFLInterstates.com/i4-corridor-VPM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

— Legislature:

- TERM LIMITS TARGETED - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will consider numerous issues, including establishing 8 year term limits for county commissioners. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- 'SAFE EXCHANGE' BILL CONSIDERED - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Senate will take up numerous issues during a floor session, including a bill (SB 580), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that would allow courts to require that parents who share custody of children use "safe exchange" locations at county sheriff's offices. Courts, as part of what are known as parenting plans, could order parents to exchange children at the locations. The bill is called the "Cassie Carli" law, after a mother who disappeared after ing with the father of her child in Northwest Florida to make a timeshare exchange. Carli was later found dead in Alabama. The House has passed its version of the bill. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate floor session. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED INGS

- House Education & Employment Committee (9 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Judiciary Committee (9 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Affairs Committee (9 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Appropriations Committee (2 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ways & Means Committee (2 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will . Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Broward College Board of Trustees will . Broward College, A. Hugh Adams Central Campus, 3501 S.W. Davie Road, Davie.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES CONSIDERED - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will . Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Central Florida Regional Planning Council is scheduled to . Avon Park Community Center, 310 West Main St., Avon Park.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will . Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/orlando-area-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>
- LOBBYIST REPORTS DUE - Lobbying firms face a Wednesday deadline for filing reports showing compensation from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

— Legislature:

- RECORDS EXEMPTION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session and take up issues including a bill (SB 712), filed by Sen. Bobby Powell, D-West Palm Beach, that would provide a public-records exemption for personal information about county attorneys, city attorneys and their family members. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 2 p.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Thursday, 15 minutes after Senate committee ings. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED INGS

- House Commerce Committee (9 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health & Human Services Committee (9 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Infrastructure Strategies Committee (9 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Appropriations Committee (Noon, 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (Noon, 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules Committee (15 minutes after House floor session, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- UWF TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The University of West Florida Board of Trustees will . <https://uwf.zoom.us/j/86435709201?pwd=Wm5xbzZYdlQ1S1Z4UDB5clRrZ29MQT09>. Code: 368116
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its regular weekly opinions.
- I-4 PLAN - Thursday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a ing about the “Southwest Connect” Interstate 4 master plan, from west of Polk Parkway to west of U.S. 27 in Polk County. Lake Crago Park, 525 Lake Crago Dr., Lakeland.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

Legislature:

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 10 a.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. House chamber, the Capitol.

— Also:

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - 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.
- TREASURE COAST PANEL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will .
- Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. <https://meet.goto.com/268592461>. Call-in number: 1-646-749-3122. Code: 268592461

Headlines Around the State

[Rolling Stone: Trump Plans to Make Ron DeSantis a ‘Political Eunuch’](#)

[Politico: Top DeSantis aides could be deposed as part of travel records lawsuit](#)

[Times: Judge ends case against Florida elections law despite 'target' on Black voters](#)

[FlaPol: Could Joe Gruters ascend to chair the Republican National Committee?](#)

[FlaPol: Christian Ziegler case leads Lauren Book to revisit Marsy's Law](#)

[Florida Phoenix: Teacher training programs would have to stop instruction on systemic racism under this bill](#)

[FlaPol: Stripping age restrictions set for next Senate stop](#)

[WLRN: Florida lawmakers are calling for stricter penalties for street racing](#)

[FlaPol: Hemp bill banning some cannabinoids headed to Senate floor, advancing in House](#)

[NYTimes: Chief Witness Against Gaetz Is Cooperating With House Ethics Investigation](#)

[Times: Matt Gaetz stopped at airport security for having a Taser, report says](#)

[Herald: Auditors say Florida Keys tourism agency paid thousands to a company that doesn't exist](#)

[WLRN: 'Fiscal arrogance' found in new audit of company working for Florida Keys tourism agency](#)

[WLRN: Florida lawmakers could make it easier to remove squatters from homes](#)

[FlaPol: Transgender activists stage die-ins at Florida drivers license offices](#)

[Sentinel: Florida tax holidays won't match 2023's, but businesses might get another break](#)

[FlaPol: Jacksonville considers pared-down stadium proposal, eyes pension fund as financing source](#)

[FlaPol: Rays stadium development team lays out plan for world class destination amid stadium excitement and trepidation](#)

[FlaPol: Chad Chronister to officially kick off re-election campaign later this month](#)

[WLRN: 'Empty seats are not worth our money': Broward grapples with low enrollment, school consolidation](#)

[Herald: Broward town commissioner charged with falsely accusing mayor of having gun at meeting](#)

[Bradenton Herald: Ex-Manatee official accused 2 commissioners of Sunshine violation. Prosecutors disagree](#)

[Democrat: Leon Schools reaches \\$5.12M salary deal with teachers, but Hanna points to cuts elsewhere](#)

[WaPo: How anarchists in North Carolina rescued books banned in Florida](#)

[Herald: Florida builders seek millions in Live Local tax breaks, build few affordable units](#)

[FlaPol: House, Senate pass budgets at odds on prisons, COLA, more](#)
[FlaPol: Will lawmakers include Gov. DeSantis' insurance tax cut in tax package bill?](#)
[FlaPol: Could Florida limit electric vehicle stations in parking lots?](#)
[FlaPol: Senate committee advances total ban on cultivated meat](#)
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[FlaPol: Senate panel OKs chiropractic dry needle bill after prickly debate](#)
[FlaPol: Senate bill requiring supermajority vote for local millage hikes advances](#)
[FlaPol: THC cap bill postponed at last House committee stop](#)
[FlaPol: Associated Industries of Florida launches coalition to navigate AI use, regulations](#)
[Sun-Sentinel: FAU trustees chairman steps down after presidential search controversy](#)
[Sentinel: Ziegler wants Marsy's Law to protect him, but cops say he's not a victim](#)
[Daily News: Naples police say October incident at Naples restaurant led to Rick LoCastro arrest warrant](#)
[Herald: Tough conversations: Broward school district holds event to discuss school closures](#)
[Times: Florida laws on parent permission have some schools jittery, confused](#)
[Times: Florida could remove the majority of mentions of climate change from state law](#)
[FlaPol: Marco Rubio files legislation to expand hospital at home programs](#)
[FlaPol: Sabrina Bousbar reports \\$100K raised in 10 days for CD 13 battle](#)
[FlaPol: Miami-Dade greenlights extra guardrails for problematic home upgrade program](#)
[FlaPol: Donna Deegan staffer fights default charge with excusable neglect defense](#)
[FlaPol: 3 Pinellas County Commissioners endorse Adam Ross for Tax Collector](#)
[Herald Tribune: Brodsky charges former Manatee County Administrator Scott Hopes with three felony charges](#)
[Bradenton Herald: Former Manatee County administrator charged with grand theft and fraud, prosecutors say](#)
[WUSF: Sarasota County begins distributing HUD money for Hurricane Ian recovery](#)
[Sentinel: Oviedo unearths forgotten graves on road to historic Central Florida Black cemetery](#)
[Herald: Homeless Miamians get \\$300,000 settlement after city trashed their personal property](#)

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