

**FASTEN YOUR
SEATBELTS**

7 Days Remaining!

***It's been very busy this week – hence a lag in briefings this week!
Here's a limited and quick update! Still a lot of uncertainty!***

The Briefing for March 1, 2024

The last Briefing was Feb 25, 2024

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Legislative Calendars

[House Calendar - For Today and beginning of next week](#)

[Senate Calendar for today and beginning of next week](#)

Here's Where We Are!

Term Limits for County Commissioners is Dead for 2024

Thank you to the numerous local officials that came forward throughout the process. After reaching the Senate Floor – the Senate Sponsor pulled the plug when it became clear that many members of the Senate continued to have concerns about the bill. This will return next year – and we are challenged to work with our local communities over the interim to educate the importance of local control over structure and local leadership! But let's take a breath of relief and thank those that came forward and wrote letters raising questions about this legislation!

With 7 days left after today – the 2024 Session will be coming in for a landing next Friday

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Budget Negotiations

The Budget Conference is not done – it is in the hands of the Appropriations Chairs – Senator Broxson and Representative Leek. They are working out differences that could not be resolved during subcommittee negotiations. What next? If budget items remain unresolved the issues will be bumped up to the Senate President Passidomo and Speaker of the House Renner. If the session is to end on time the budget agreement must be on the desk no later than end of day next Tuesday.

A complete report on Bills Tracked

Click on the link then find your bill and click on the bill number for more information.

 [Status of Bill Tracked - March 1 .docx](#)

Committee meetings are over – unless called by a waiver of the rules. Hundreds of bills are on the calendar of the House and Senate either awaiting consideration on Special Order or have been passed by either the House or the Senate and are in messages in either chamber waiting for final consideration.

The f link will provide the last action of any of the bills that we have followed. Many are still in play. Things are moving too quickly to say whether they will pass or not - so this is the best we can do for right now!

Status of Some Key Bills

Click the link for more information

<u>HB 0001</u>	Online Protections for Minors - This bill has passed but the Governor has expressed concerns.
<u>HB 0003</u>	Online Access to Materials Harmful to Minors – This bill is still in consideration and will be amended to correct concerns expressed by the Governor about HB 1
<u>HB 0087</u>	Taking of Bears - Awaiting final action in messages from the Senate in the House.
<u>SB 0184</u>	Impeding, Threatening, or Harassing First Responders - In messages from the Senate
<u>SB 0196</u>	Economic Development - awaiting final action in House.
<u>HB 0309</u>	Rural Emergency Hospitals – Awaiting final action.
<u>SB 0472</u>	Suits Against the Government - Sovereign Immunity – this bill will be amended to be suitable to local to local governments or it will die.
<u>SB 7002</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/School District Finance and Budgets, Facilities, and Administration and Oversight
<u>SB 7004</u>	Deregulation of Public Schools/Assessment and Accountability, Instruction, and Education Choice - Still in play.
<u>HB 7017</u>	Annual Adjustment to Homestead Exemption Value - Constitutional Amendment
<u>HB 7019</u>	Exemption of Homesteads – implementing bill that provides Fiscally Constrained county offset for 7017.
<u>HB 7039</u>	Education – House bill relating to deregulation. Something will pass.
<u>HB 7075</u>	Tangible Personal Property Tax Exemption – Constitutional Amendment increasing TPP by 25,000.
<u>HB 7077</u>	Tangible Personal Property Taxation - Implementing bill that provides Fiscally Cosntrained county offset for 7075.

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: Kathleen Passidomo expects social media bill veto, compromise with Ron DeSantis to pass quickly](#)

[FlaPol: Kathleen Passidomo charts a path for social media bill if vetoed by Gov. DeSantis](#)

[FlaPol: House moves along anti-trans bill that has no future](#)

[FlaPol: House approves condo-focused expansion to My Safe Florida Home grant program](#)

[WLRN: After record summer, Florida looks set to ban local heat protections for workers](#)

[FlaPol: House readies bill preempting local wage, heat exposure laws for final vote](#)

[FlaPol: House approves \\$20M for victims abused at Dozier School for Boys](#)

[FlaPol: Senate passes ban on sale of cultivated meat](#)

[FlaPol: Taking a proactive stance: Legislature approves definition of antisemitism in state Statutes](#)

[FlaPol: Homeless camping ban that Gov. DeSantis wants is ready for House vote](#)

[FlaPol: Lawmakers advance Casey DeSantis-backed cancer research changes, add more funding](#)

[FlaPol: Bill lowering gun purchasing minimum age to 18 moving through House despite Senate resistance](#)

[FlaPol: House poised to tighten child exploitation penalties](#)

[FlaPol: Budget conference: Ocean remains between Senate, House funding for Mote Marine](#)

[FlaPol: Senate votes for state control over food delivery apps](#)

[FlaPol: Jacksonville Senators split on final passage of bill giving Sheriff T.K. Waters more budget authority](#)

[FlaPol: Budget conference: House moves on road projects, but deal on jobs program elusive](#)

[FlaPol: Anthony Sabatini, far-right groups target Kathleen Passidomo for blocking culture war bills](#)

[Sentinel: State lawmakers move to block proposed growth limits in Orange County](#)

[WLRN: 'We're not going to piecemeal it': Broward could close many more than five schools in coming years](#)

[WUSF: A Florida bill would give high school dropouts a second chance at a college education](#)

[Floridian: State Legislators Hold Israel Day at the Capitol to Support Jewish State](#)

[Democrat: 2024 session: Bills to expand benefits for Florida public workers stalled out](#)

[Herald: Citing 'black eye' on justice, DeSantis signs bill to unseal secret Jeffrey Epstein files](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs off on releasing Jeffrey Epstein records](#)

[FlaPol: Judge says Palm Beach Post must wait until July like everyone else to see Jeffrey Epstein records](#)

[Herald: At South Florida's only HBCU, Black history is taught with no censorship](#)

[AP: Helicopter's thermal imaging camera helps deputies find child in Florida swamp](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Cracking Florida's cold cases: A new investigations unit aims to solve years-old killings](#)

[Times: Ziegler told police he feared 'the political side' of assault investigation](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Will a judge decide in favor or against Sheriff Gregory Tony? What to know about case over his certification](#)

Sentinel: 'Should not have happened': Grand jury report rebukes Osceola sheriff, deputies who killed Jayden Baez

Sentinel: Community leaders sign Central Florida Pledge to stand against hate

WUSF: A Hillsborough property tax is needed to raise teacher and staff pay, superintendent urges

Herald Tribune: Police records show former GOP Chair Christian Ziegler's accuser wanted to drop rape case

Times-Union: Mayor Deegan signs bill giving sheriff settlement authority, returns monument bill unsigned

News 4 Jax: 'She was an icon': Betty Holzendorf, former Florida lawmaker from Jacksonville, dies at 84

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