



## ***The Briefing for March 22, 2024***

*The last Briefing was March 13, 2024*

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

### **Post – Session Reports**

#### **The 2024 Regular Session By the Numbers**

Total General Bills Filed for Consideration – 1660

Total General bills passing both Chambers – 275

#### **Senate Bills**

Senate General Bills filed– 837

Senate Bills passing the Senate and the House – 94

#### **House Bills**

House General Bills Filed – 823

House Bills passing the House and the Senate – 181

### **Bill Summaries**

The 2024 Bill Summaries are reports created by Senate staff that give brief explanations of legislation that passed this session in both the House and Senate. The following link provides individual reports on each piece of legislation that passed. The reports are organized by subject area.

[BillSummaries/2024/](#)

### ***COUNTY BY COUNTY ALLOCATIONS PRE-VETO***

**Conference Report on House Bill 5001 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General  
Appropriations Act**

[Listing of County By County Allocations in HB 5001 - GAA 5001 - Pre-Veto](#)

The above link accesses the County Allocations Contained in the Conference Report on House Bill 5001 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act.

- This report reflects only items contained in the Conference Report on House Bill 5001, the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA), which are identifiable to specific counties.
- State agencies will further allocate other funds contained in the General Appropriations Act based on authorized distribution methodologies.
- This report was produced prior to the veto process.

### **Legislative Reports**

 [SSDCC 2024 -Legislative Report -March 22.docx](#)

**This report covers the Legislature from the perspective of Small School Districts.**

 [SCC - Legislative Report for the 2024 Regular Legislative Session - March 18 - 2024.docx](#)

**This report covers the 2024 Legislative Session from the perspective of small and rural counties.**

### **Headlines Around the State**

[\*The Hill: Rubio says he hasn't heard from anyone in 'Trump world' about possible VP consideration\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Marco Rubio addresses speculation he could be Donald Trump's running mate\*](#)

[\*Herald: Rubio may be on Trump's VP shortlist, but can two Floridians run on the same ticket?\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Marco Rubio declares war on 'woke' flags\*](#)

[\*WaPo: Trump Media, launched after an insurrection, faces rebellion of its own\*](#)

[\*Herald Tribune: Trump's Truth Social company files lawsuit in Sarasota County\*](#)

[\*Times: 1 in 5 Florida Republicans just voted against Trump. Should he be worried?\*](#)

[\*Governing: Florida Democrats' Self-Inflicted Wound\*](#)

[\*WUSF: DeSantis is prepping for a wave of Haitian migrants. Advocates say he's grandstanding\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis wants Haiti rescue flight help from feds, Dominicans\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Congressional Democrats urge Ron DeSantis to support security aid in Haiti\*](#)

[\*WUSF: A Tampa photojournalist's experience covering the turmoil in Haiti\*](#)

[\*WUSF: Despite phasing out DEI office, USF leaders say the school will remain diverse\*](#)

[\*Floridian: Mills' Embassy Construction Integrity Act Clears House, Heads to Senate\*](#)

[\*Floridian: Lobbyists with Chinese Connections Targeted in New Rubio Bill\*](#)

[\*Floridian: Frost Introduces Bill to Close 'Zombie Gun' Loophole\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Donna Deegan describes 'wonderful conversations' with Joe Biden admin that may lead to more federal help\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Jose Javier Rodriguez confirmed as Assistant Secretary of U.S. Labor Dept.\*](#)

[FlaPol: Florida Supreme Court keeps Seminole Gaming Compact intact](#)

[AP: Florida online sports betting challenge is denied by state's highest court](#)

[FlaPol: 2 GOP Senators back Christine Miller for Hillsborough County Commission](#)

[FlaPol: Shevrin Jones to tout Joe Biden-Kamala Harris successes in Milwaukee Democrats event keynote](#)

[FlaPol: Donna Deegan says Jax Sheriff wants Jaguars stadium before new jail](#)

[FlaPol: Donna Deegan describes state homeless camping ban as 'unfunded mandate' for Jacksonville that frustrates stakeholders](#)

[Herald: 'It's a tale of two cities': South Florida home prices reach historic highs. Heres why](#)

[FlaPol: Navigating education's frontier: TSG Advisors – Education adds workforce development trailblazer](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis signs Kathleen Passidomo's signature 'Live Healthy' package](#)

[News-Press: Gov. Ron DeSantis signs healthcare bills spearheaded by Senate President Kathleen Passidomo](#)

[Floridian: DeSantis Signs Massive Healthcare Package Addressing Statewide Staffing Shortages](#)

[WUSF: DeSantis signs bills that supporters say could improve access to health care](#)

[AP: Attorneys try to stop DeSantis appointees from giving depositions in Disney lawsuit](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis rejects claim that Florida is criminalizing homelessness](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Born to die: Florida's infant mortality crisis: A special report](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: In 2023, Florida insurers turned first profit in seven years, new report says](#)

[FlaPol: Florida Retail Federation celebrates projected retail growth for 2024](#)

[WUSF: Some Florida universities are pushing back enrollment deadlines because of FAFSA delays](#)

[Axios: USF to launch AI college, the first in Florida](#)

[Times: USF announces plan to create Florida's first AI, cybersecurity college](#)

[Herald Tribune: New College of Florida to make case for \\$1M in performance funds after losing out on \\$2M](#)

[PNJ: Escambia County says Escambia Children's Trust owes \\$1.1 million in taxes](#)

[WLRN: 'One human family': Group set to open the Florida Keys only LGBTQ community center](#)

[Herald Tribune: Sarasota commissioner didn't report his ties to Ken Thompson Park developer, officials say](#)

[PNJ: Escambia agrees to give \\$2M for demo of old Baptist Hospital. Why it's not a done deal.](#)

[PNJ: Escambia County says Escambia Children's Trust owes \\$1.1 million in taxes](#)

[Ledger: Former Polk Commissioner Randy Wilkinson becomes 8th candidate in Fla. House-48 race](#)

[News Herald: After 20 years, Bill Dozier will not seek re-election to the Bay County Commission](#)

[FlaPol: Linda Chaney backs 'trusted conservative' Vince Nowicki for Pinellas County Commission](#)

[Gainesville Sun: 'Yes Newberry' group document sheds light on organizing and fundraising plans](#)

[TCPalm: Taylor Dingle brings Vero Beach a new perspective as its youngest City Council member ever](#)

[Ledger: Fort Meade Mayor McCutchen to deliver State of the City address on Tuesday](#)

[Ledger: Lake Wales Mayor Jack Hilligoss, a pastor, turns his church into a political force](#)

[FlaPol: Eddie Speir campaign directs nearly \\$25K to candidate's close relatives](#)

## ***On The Docket for this Week***

### **MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024**

- BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM - Monday, 1 p.m. The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1502998747829966686>. Webinar ID: 552350691
- POLK STATE BOARD - Monday, 4 p.m. The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. Polk State College, Polk State Center for Public Safety, 1251 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven.
- RECREATIONAL ISSUES - Monday, 5 p.m. The South Florida Water Management District will hold a forum about recreational issues within the district. Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1495 Smith Preserve Way, Naples.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024**

- HOUSING ISSUES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Dr., Orlando.
- DESANTIS, CABINET - Tuesday, 9 a.m. Gov. Ron DeSantis and the state Cabinet will take up a series of issues, including proposed land-conservation deals. DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody and Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis also will consider approval of Chris Spencer as executive director of the State Board of Administration. Spencer has served as DeSantis' director of policy and budget. Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 11 a.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Broward College, Judson A. Samuels South Campus, 7200 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines.
- ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE - Tuesday, noon. The state Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet. Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86488668937?pwd=Z1ArVHhKU0paSVQ3ZmplY3dsOEZLZz09>. Meeting ID: 86488668937. Passcode: 641586
- INSURANCE MARKET - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Market Accountability Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet. [https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YqTE\\_lR\\_pqLgBuCLT3tyg#/registration](https://citizensfla.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YqTE_lR_pqLgBuCLT3tyg#/registration). Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 93846973798
- DIABETES ISSUES DISCUSSED - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The state Diabetes Advisory Council is scheduled to meet. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 53834124

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024**

- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will hold an Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting, followed by a full board meeting. Among the issues will be a report on the search for a new president of Florida Polytechnic University. University of Florida, J. Wayne Reitz Union, 655 Reitz Union Dr., Gainesville.
- EDUCATION ISSUES ON AGENDA - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The State Board of Education will meet in Central Florida, with issues including a dispute about whether the Broward County school district is complying with a law about charter-school funding. Winter Park High School, 2100 Summerfield Road, Winter Park.
- CLEMENCY BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. Gov. Ron DeSantis, Attorney General Ashley Moody, Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis and Agriculture Commissioner Wilton Simpson will meet as the Board of Executive Clemency. Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.
- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet. Garden Center of Winter Haven, 715 Third St. N.W., Winter Haven.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- LEON LAWMAKERS AT TIGER BAY - Wednesday, noon. Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, Rep. Gallop Franklin, D-Tallahassee, and Rep. Allison Tant, D-Tallahassee, are expected to speak about the 2024 legislative session during a meeting of the Capital Tiger Bay Club. Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- MEDICAID EXPANSION - Wednesday, 1 p.m. U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor, D-Fla., and other officials are expected to take part in a news conference to call on Florida to expand eligibility for Medicaid. Location; Bay Shore Boulevard, across from Tampa General Hospital, Tampa.
- ST. JOHNS RIVER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The St. Johns River State College Board of Trustees will meet. St. Johns River State College, Orange Park Campus, Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Dr., Orange Park.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, Ybor City Campus, 2112 North 15th St., Tampa.
- LAKE-SUMTER COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 5 p.m. The Lake-Sumter State College Board of Trustees will meet. Lake-Sumter State College, Leesburg Campus, Kelly Convocation Center, 9501 U.S. 441, Leesburg.
- FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Rep. Yvonne Hinson, D-Gainesville, will hold a workshop for local officials about new financial-disclosure requirements. Steven Zuilkowski, deputy executive director and general counsel of the Florida Commission on Ethics, is expected to take part. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center, 355 N.W. Eestalustee Ave., Micanopy.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024**

- GREENWAYS AND TRAILS COUNCIL - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Greenways and Trails Council will meet. Garden Center of Winter Haven, 715 Third St. N.W., Winter Haven.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.

- CITIZENS CLAIMS - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Claims Committee of the Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Code: 98593216531
- OPIOID ABATEMENT - - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/statewide-council-opioid-abatement>
- SELF-INSURERS BOARD - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association, 1427 East Piedmont Dr., Tallahassee.
- EXHIBITION HONORING CHERRY OPENS - Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Rep. Ashley Gantt, D-Miami, will help open an exhibition honoring the late Gwendolyn Sawyer Cherry, the first Black woman to serve as a state lawmaker. HistoryMiami Museum, 101 West Flagler St., Miami.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 S.W. Commerce Blvd., Lake City. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 409643773

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