



The Briefing for June 30, 2024

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BITS AND PIECES

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Begins for State Government

Our Offices will be closed this week to celebrate family and freedom.

Congratulations to Okeechobee Commissioner Terry Burroughs – inducted as the President of the Florida Association of Counties.

Congratulations to Levy County Commissioners John Meeks – elected to the 2nd Vice-President of the Florida Association of Counties.

Best Wishes to Charlotte County Commissioner Bill Truex who is seeking the 2nd Vice-President of the National Association of Counties at the Annual Meeting to be held this month in Tampa.

“Freedom Month” sales-tax holiday begins

Freedom Month Sales Tax Holiday on Specific Admissions and Outdoor Activity Supplies – July 1, 2024 Through July 31, 2024 TIP #24A01-05 Date Issued: 05/08/24 Florida’s Freedom Month Sales Tax Holiday begins on Monday, July 1, 2024, and ends on Wednesday, July 31, 2024. During this sales tax holiday period, tax is not due on the retail sale of admissions to music events, sporting events, cultural events, specified performances, movies, museums, state parks, and fitness facilities. Also exempt from sales tax during this holiday period are electric scooters, eligible boating and water activity supplies, camping supplies, fishing supplies, general outdoor supplies, and residential pool supplies.

https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/tips/Documents/TIP_24A01-05.pdf

The Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium are organized for FY 24-25!

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| <p align="center"><i>Small County Coalition Officers and Executive Committee</i></p> <p>Chairperson - Russell Melendy, Hardee Vice-Chairperson –Tray Hawkins, Washington Secretary –Chris Dougherty - Bradford Past- Chair - Terry Burroughs - Okeechobee</p> <p><u>Executive Committee Elected from Regions</u> Danny Glidewell, (Walton County) Ricky Jones, (Franklin County) Ronnie Moore, (Madison County) Jim Peacock, (Jackson County) Donald O’Brien, – (Flagler County) Larry Harvey, (Putnam County) Anthony Adams, (Lafayette County) Darrell Smith, (Gilchrist County) Ramon Iglesias, (Hendry County) Michelle Lincoln, (Monroe County)</p> <p align="center">NOTE –</p> <p><u>The Chair Will Appoint Up to 3 additional Executive Committee Members</u></p> | <p align="center">Small School District Council Consortium Officers and Executive Committee</p> <p align="center"><u>Chair</u> Superintendent Chris Cowart - Levy</p> <p align="center"><u>Vice-Chair</u> Superintendent Darryl Taylor – Calhoun</p> <p align="center"><u>Executive Committee Members</u> <u>School Board Members</u> Chery Pridgeon-Dixie Becky Raulerson - Union Ed DaSilva – Suwannee Donna Howerton- Highlands</p> <p align="center"><u>Superintendent Members</u> Rick Surrency- Putnam Mike Swindle – Hendry Kyle Peddie- Liberty</p> |
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Headlines Around the State

- AP: Florida arts groups left in the lurch by DeSantis veto of state funding for theaters and museums*
- FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis approves new requirements for out-of-state licensee applicants that worry Board of Medicine members*
- Herald: 'We like to panic': Florida Democrats largely stand with Biden after debate*
- FlaPol: Nikki Fried not concerned about Joe Biden's age, debate missteps*
- Floridian: Eskamani 'Would Like to See Someone Else' as Nominee*
- Times: What if Joe Biden drops out? Here's what would happen in Florida.*
- FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis appoints Thomas Hobbs, Brian McElfrick to Hillsborough transit board*
- FlaPol: Time for a cheeseburger in paradise: Gov. DeSantis OKs measure designating A1A as 'Jimmy Buffett Memorial Highway'*
- WLRN: Jimmy Buffett to be remembered via Florida roads and license plates*
- FlaPol: Supreme Court ruling on homeless camping bans buoys Florida's in-state crackdown*
- Governing: The Political Power of Sheriffs Is Rarely Seriously Challenged*
- Democrat: 'Unacceptable': Florida Board of Governors threatening to eliminate these FAMU programs*
- WUSF: USF doubles down on suspension and expulsion of pro-Palestinian student protestors*
- WLRN: Florida cattle suffer from heat stress due to climate change, but UF scientists have a solution*
- Times: In Tampa government, another resignation: this time, director of planning*

On The Docket

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

- BUDGET, LAWS TAKE EFFECT - A \$116.5 billion budget and nearly 200 new state laws will take effect as the 2024-2025 fiscal year starts.
- ABORTION ‘STATEMENT’ - Monday, 9 a.m. - The Financial Impact Estimating Conference will discuss possible revisions to a “financial impact statement” that will appear on the November ballot with a proposed constitutional amendment about abortion rights. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- GENDER RULE - Monday, 9 a.m. Central time. - U.S. District Judge Annemarie Carney Axon will hold a hearing on a request by Florida, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina to block a new federal rule about sex-based discrimination in education programs. The rule would prevent discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. The states and other plaintiffs are seeking a preliminary injunction against the rule, which is designed to help carry out Title IX, a landmark 1972 law that bars discrimination in education programs based on sex. Hugo L. Black United States Courthouse, 1729 Fifth Ave. North, Birmingham, Ala.

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024

- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze what are known as “measures affecting revenue.” 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HISTORICAL MARKERS - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Historical Markers Council will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4299648356553695833>. Webinar ID: 350008651

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024

- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. will hold a workshop about financing through the State Apartment Incentive Loan, or SAIL, program for “construction of large scale developments of significant regional impact.” Money would be authorized by a 2023 law known as the Live Local Act. Florida Housing Finance Corp., 227 North Bronough St., Tallahassee.

THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for the July 4 holiday.

FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2024

- STATE OFFICES CLOSED - State offices will be closed for a long July 4 holiday weekend.
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through June 28.

About the Briefing!

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The Briefing is compiled to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email _cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

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