



On this day in 1836, the [Arc de Triomphe](#), one of the largest [triumphal arches](#) in the world, was officially inaugurated in [Paris](#).

The Briefing for July 29, 2024

The Last Briefing was July 22, 2024

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

Florida Association of Counties Legislative Policy Process Deadline for Submittal of Proposed Policies is August 9.

The Florida Association of Counties has begun the Legislative Policy Process for the 2025 Legislative Session. All Counties are encouraged to submit issues, concerns, proposals that they would like considered during the upcoming session. Proposals will be vetted through a deliberative policy process. The Small County Coalition Legislative Program will consider proposals submitted to FAC that impact small and rural communities. The deadline to submit a policy proposal for the 2025 Legislative Session is **August 9**. If you have solutions or initiatives to help Move Florida Forward, don't forget to submit a policy proposal!

<https://flcounties.wufoo.com/forms/zon2c5v0l6c1nh/>

OIR to consider rate increases for Citizens policy holders!

State Insurance regulators will hold a hearing Thursday on rate increases for customers of Citizens Property Insurance Corp. The Citizens Board of Governors last month signed off on a proposal that, in part, would lead to an average 13.5 percent rate increase for the most-common type of Citizens policy, known as homeowners' "multi-peril" coverage. The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation, which will hold Thursday's hearing, must approve any rate increases and can order changes to the Citizens proposal. Citizens had 1.223 million policies as of July 19.

The 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday begins today

The 2024 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday begins today Monday, July 29 and extends through Sunday, August 11. Consumers can purchase qualifying back-to-school supplies exempt from Sales Tax during this time period. The Department of Revenue created this webpage to provide information and promotional materials for consumers, businesses, and other interested parties.

<https://floridarevenue.com/backtoschool/Pages/default.aspx>

When does school start in Florida for the 2024-2025 school year?

[school-district-calendars.xlsx](#)

Almost every Florida school will start the 2024-2025 school year on the first possible date — Aug. 12 — after Aug. 10.

Florida Department of Education Releases School/District Grades for the 23-24

The Florida Department of Education has released school grades for the 2023-2024 school year. To find out the grade for each school and district in the State go to the following link

- [Fldoe.org](http://fldoe.org).

Federal Judge Permanently Blocks Portions of “Stop WOKE Act” applicable to workplace training

A federal judge has blocked restrictions placed on addressing race-related issues in workplace training. The provision blocked was part of a 2022 law dubbed the “Stop WOKE Act.” Chief U.S. District Judge Mark Walker issued a two-page order granting a permanent injunction against the workplace-training part of the law. The workplace-training part of the law listed eight race-related concepts and said that a required training program or other activity that “espouses, promotes, advances, inculcates, or compels such individual (an employee) to believe any of the following concepts constitutes discrimination based on race, color, sex, or national origin.” Walker also has separately issued a preliminary injunction against part of the law that would restrict the way race-related concepts can be taught in universities. A panel of the appeals court held a hearing in that case in June.

[Copy of original injunction upheld by Friday's ruling.](#)

State Board of Education Approves FHSAA NIL Proposal

[FHSAA Bylaw regarding Name, Image, and Likeness](#) (PDF)

- [Proposed Bylaws](#) (PDF) - Updated

The State Board of Education has approved a rule that will allow high-school athletes to be compensated for what is known by the shorthand of NIL (Name, image and likeness). The Florida High School Athletic Association last month approved the change, the state education board signed off on the proposal last week. also must sign off. Florida joins about 30 states and the District of Columbia in allowing high-school athletes to receive NIL compensation. The proposal was supported by the Governor and members of the legislature. If the FHSAA hadn’t proposed the change – the legislature would have stepped in with their own proposal.

Headlines Around the State

WUSF: Rick Scott sounds a warning on foreign interference in elections

The Capitolist: JetBlue sues Florida over \$631K corporate tax dispute

Herald: 'A new start': Venezuelans in Miami hopeful as they await election results from afar

FlaPol: Florida Gators have more NIL athlete deals than any other U.S. college

TCPalm: These Florida counties' residents are among top 10 most charitable

Sentinel: More of Florida a potential target of developing tropical system, hurricane center says

Today: ULA Atlas V to launch Space Force mission Tuesday from Cape Canaveral

My News 13: Pharmacy stocks up on COVID-19 tests as Florida cases rise

Sun-Sentinel: New insurer offered Citizens customers steep premium hikes. Then the state stepped in.

PNJ: Florida saw 148% increase in book bans since 2021. How many were in Escambia County?

Democrat: Florida State OKs 'most ambitious' state budget request ever. Here's what it includes

FlaPol: Florida issues stop-sale order on Diamond-Schruumz products

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis names trio to Tallahassee College District Board of Trustees

PNJ: Escambia shells out \$50K in legal expenses defending elections supervisor from lawsuit

Times: Victor Crist, former Florida legislator, in the hospital after car crash

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis rolls out a swath of new appointments

FlaPol: Rick Scott slams Mitch McConnell for Senate dictatorship

FlaPol: Rick Scott wants Venezuelan sanctions before election Sunday

FlaPol: Carlos Gimenez backs Donald Trump return to outdoor rallies

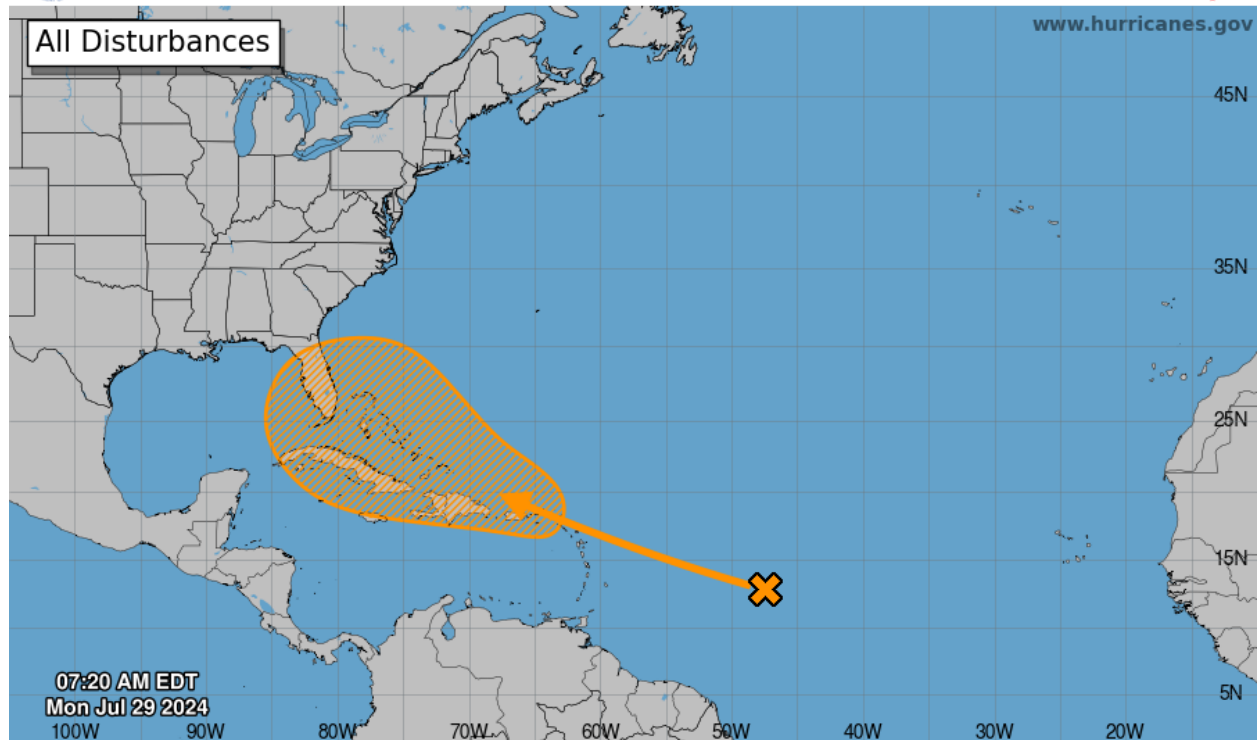
Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Seven-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Seven-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

On The Docket

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

- **TAX 'HOLIDAY' STARTS** - A tax “holiday” will start Monday that will allow back-to-school shoppers to avoid paying sales taxes on clothes, school supplies and personal computers. The holiday will continue through Aug. 11.
- **MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY TRIAL** - Monday, 9 a.m. U.S. District Judge Marcia Morales Howard will resume a trial in a class-action lawsuit over people being dropped from Florida’s Medicaid program after the end of a federal public-health emergency that was declared because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The lawsuit alleges that the state did not properly inform people before dropping them from the health-care program. Location: United States Courthouse, 300 North Hogan St., Jacksonville.
- **JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED** - Monday, 9 a.m. The 3rd Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a Columbia County judgeship. Applicants expected to be interviewed are Carey Duncan Carmichael, Jr., Charles Garrett Hill, Chase Larsen and Joel Evan Osborne. Location: Columbia County Courthouse, 173 N.E. Hernando Ave., Lake City.
- **COMMUNICATIONS TAXES** - Monday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the communications services tax and the gross receipts tax. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- FLORIDA POLY BOARD - Monday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Polytechnic University Board of Trustees will consider a legislative budget request. Location: Call-in number: 1-863-225-2351. Code: 285158948

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024

- SCHOOL SAFETY - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The state's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission will meet. Location: Amerant Bank Arena, Chairman's Club, 1 Panther Parkway., Sunrise.
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The North Florida College Board of Trustees will hold an annual summer workshop. Location: North Florida College, Live Oak Location, 210 Ohio Ave. North, Live Oak.
- GAMBLING MONEY - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss taxes from slot machines and pari-mutuel facilities. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UCF TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet.
Location: <https://ucf.zoom.us/j/95023569506?pwd=5t23awjTsFbxUUPkBfCWMvDicGQ9QV.1#success>
- INSURANCE ISSUES - Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. Tasha Carter, the state's insurance consumer advocate, is scheduled to discuss property-insurance issues during a St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce event. Also expected to take part is Rep. Dana Trabulsy, R-Fort Pierce. Location: Boys & Girls Club, 3361 South Jenkins Road, Fort Pierce.
- FUGATE SPEAKS TO TIGER BAY - Tuesday, noon. Craig Fugate, a former director of the state Division of Emergency Management and former administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will speak to the Capital Tiger Bay Club. Location: Donald L. Tucker Civic Center, 505 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.
- FAMU BOARD - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will consider a contract with Timothy Beard, who was chosen to serve as interim president after the resignation of President Larry Robinson.
Location: <https://famu.zoom.us/j/94481443869?pwd=IbZ45NR7Ec5jm0b7H7umeaXIMKNDwN.1>
- HIGHWAY SAFETY MONEY - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze highway-safety revenues. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. Location: The College of the Florida Keys, Middle Keys Center, 350 Sombrero Beach Road, Marathon.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

- SCHOOL SAFETY - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The state's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission will meet. Location: Amerant Bank Arena, Chairman's Club, 1 Panther Parkway., Sunrise.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Location: Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- PROPERTY TAXES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze ad valorem, or property, tax revenues. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission is scheduled to meet. Location: Reemployment Assistance Appeals

Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880

- FIU TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 1 p.m. The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: Information at <https://calendar.fiu.edu/event/bot-meeting-20240731>
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will meet. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2024

- FUCHS TAKES HELM - Former University of Florida President Kent Fuchs is scheduled to begin serving as interim university president after the resignation of President Ben Sasse.
- FGCU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. Location: <https://www.fgcu.edu/about/leadership/fgcuboardoftrustees/boardcast>
- TRANSPORTATION MONEY - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss transportation revenues. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SAUNDERS V. SAUNDERS HEARING HELD - Thursday, 10 a.m. Miami-Dade County Circuit Judge Robert T. Watson has scheduled a hearing in an attempt by Democratic state House candidate Joe Saunders to prevent his aunt — running as Moe Saunders — from competing for the seat. Joe Saunders, a former lawmaker who is seeking to unseat Rep. Fabian Basabe, R-Miami Beach, in Miami-Dade’s House District 106, filed the lawsuit June 25 after his aunt, Maureen Saunders Scott, qualified to run for the seat without party affiliation. The aunt, a resident of St. Johns County, roughly 300 miles from the district, would appear on the ballot as Moe Saunders. Location: Miami-Dade County Courthouse, 73 West Flagler St., Miami.
- CITIZENS RATE HIKES - Thursday, 1 p.m. The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing on proposed rate increases by the state’s Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Location: 412 Knott Building, the Capitol. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3788507392134968671>. Call-in number: 1-877-568-4108. Code: 768800634
- NURSING BOARD - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Location: Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- OPIOID ISSUES - Thursday, 2 p.m. The Statewide Council on Opioid Abatement will meet. Location: AdventHealth Altamonte Springs, Chatlos Conference Center, 601 East Altamonte Dr., Altamonte Springs.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2024

- HD 81 CANDIDATES AT FORUM - Friday, 7:30 a.m. Yvette Benarroch and Greg Folley, Republican candidates in Collier County’s House District 81, are expected to appear at a forum held by the Republican Men’s Club of Collier County. Location: Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail North, Naples.
- BOARD OF MEDICINE - Friday, 8 a.m. The Florida Board of Medicine will meet. Location: Drury Plaza Hotel-Orlando-Disney Springs Area, 2000 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista.
- NURSING BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing will meet. Location: Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- LABOR MARKET - Friday, 9 a.m. The Labor Market Estimating Conference will discuss a labor-market forecast. Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- FINANCIAL ‘OUTLOOKS’ - Friday, 1:30 p.m. The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to financial “outlooks.” Location: 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- FINANCE REPORTS DUE - State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing updated finance reports.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

- SCOTT SPEAKS AT GOP EVENT - Saturday, 5 p.m. U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is scheduled to speak during a Lake County Republican Party Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. Location: The Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Court, Leesburg.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25

Activities listed involve local elected county commissioners, school board members and school superintendents.

2024

- August 20 - Primary Election Day
- Sept. 18-19- FAC Policy Conference – Pensacola
- November 5 - General Election Day
- November 19 - Newly Elected local officials take office
- November 20-22 Rural Economic Development Summit
- December 3-6 - FSBA/FADSS - Winter Meeting – Tampa
- December 4 - Small County Coalition Legislative Meeting - Tampa
- December 5 - Small District Meeting – Tampa
- December 4-6 FAC Legislative Conference – Tampa

2025

- January-February - Legislative Committee Weeks
- February 2 - Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
- March 4 Regular Session Begins
- March 18 - Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing/Reception
- March 19- FAC Day in the Legislature
- March 19 – 20 FSBA 38th Annual Day in the Legislature, Tallahassee, FL
- March 19 Small School District Legislative Briefing
- March 19 -20 Rural Counties Day in the Legislature
- May 2 - Regular Session Ends
- June 11 – 13 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
- June 12 - Small School District Breakfast Meeting
- June 24-27 FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
- June 25 Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

About the Briefing!

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