



Show you the money? Included with this Briefing are the following:  
Video Overview of State Financial Plan  
Information on the Local Budget Request Process  
Data Sets Comparing County and School District Fiscal Capacity

## ***The Briefing for December 10, 2024***

*The Last Briefing was December 9, 2024*

***The Rest of the Season!***  
***Army – Navy play Saturday!***  
***Go Navy!***

***[Here's the link to the College Football Playoff Matchups!](#)***  
***[Here are the 2024 Bowl Matchups!](#)***

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**What's the weather outlook?**

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

### ***FWC to take up the State's Black Bear Management Plan***

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet, with issues including an update on the state's black bear management plan. - RP Funding Center, 701 West Lime St., Lakeland. Bear Management has been a topic of conversation with the issues of increasing bear population, bear interactions, the reduction of habitat. The presentation on the Black bear management plan should be around 9:00am Wednesday morning. Here is the link:

[https://thefloridachannel.org/schedules/?event\\_date%5B0%5D=2024-12-11](https://thefloridachannel.org/schedules/?event_date%5B0%5D=2024-12-11)

### ***Fiscal Outlook and Local Funding Initiative Processes***

#### ***The States Fiscal Overview and the Senate's Local Budget Request Process***

The Florida Senate has been meeting this week for orientation and outlook at the upcoming session. This morning the Senate received a very comprehensive briefing on the States Fiscal Status and the Senates plan for Local Funding Initiative Requests. Here is the video from the Senate meeting where Amy Baker, Director for the Office of Economic Demographic Research and John Shettle, Deputy Staff Director of the Senate Appropriations Committee review the Long Range Fiscal Status of the State and the Local Funding Initiative Process.

*Presentation to the Senate on the long-range-financial-outlook-and-local-funding-initiative-request-process*

***The Senate's Local Budget Request Process***

The Senate will in the near future receive direction as to the Process used for submission and review of the local requests. This year the Senate will take a very critical approach to the Local Budget Request so it is imperative that entities requesting projects follow the process in the Senate and House very closely.

***The House Local Budget Request Process***

Please refer to <https://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Appropriations/projects.aspx> for additional information regarding the Appropriation Project Request process and to access a downloadable version of the APR form. The deadline to submit an APR form is Friday, February 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

***Developing your Legislative Approach***

Provided below is a link to a basic outline for developing your Local Legislative Program. Organizations are able to copy sections of the text. It is advisable that your legislative priorities be documented and compiled in a legislative Program.

 [\*Effective Local Participation in the 2025 Legislative Process .doc\*](#)

***Information to Assess Fiscal Capacity based on Revenue Sources***

- [\*Questions to Analyze Financial Capacity and Per Capita rankings based on Population and Revenue Sources\*](#)
- [\*Data Set - Population –Value of 1 mill Ad Valorem - Value of 1 cent Local Option Sales Tax 2024.xlsx\*](#)
-  [\*DATA Set -2024 School District Taxable Values-October 2024.xlsx\*](#)

***Adopted Legislative Priorities***

Issues impacting the small and rural school districts of Florida. The following link provides a document that can be copied and/or duplicated.

***Small School District Priorities***

[\*SSDCC 2025 Legislative Priorities - Adopted December 2024.docx\*](#)

[\*www.ssdcc.org\*](http://www.ssdcc.org)

***Small County Priorities***

 [\*The Small County Coalition - 2025 Legislative Program - Adopted December 2024.docx\*](#)

[\*www.smallcountycoalition.org\*](http://www.smallcountycoalition.org)

***Headlines Around the State***

[\*AP: Trump's Cabinet picks set off political chain reaction in Florida congressional races\*](#)

[\*FlaPol: Rick Scott hails Lara Trump's RNC stint, says she'd be 'fantastic' in Senate\*](#)

[PNJ: Republican candidates hit front-runner Jimmy Patronis in election to replace Gaetz](#)  
[Sentinel: Randy Fine, 'Rock Doctor' and Kissimmee math teacher all running for Congress in special elections](#)

[News4Jax: The cost of Florida home insurance is stabilizing. Here's when homeowners could start saving money](#)

[WLRN: Judge weighs in on controversial oil drilling plan in rural Florida](#)

[FlaPol: FEMA offers full reimbursement for debris removal and emergency measures post-Helene, Milton](#)

[The Floridian: Mast Unloads on Army Corps Over Lake Okeechobee Discharges](#)

[Democrat: Environmental groups protest Apalachicola River oil drilling at Florida DEP headquarters](#)

[Post: Here are the 20 U.S. airports with the most flight delays - Where those in Florida rank](#)

[Times: Hillsborough Democrat Susan Valdés switches to Republican Party](#)

[My News 13: Florida legislator's proposal puts in-state tuition waiver for undocumented immigrants on chopping block](#)

[Today: Fine bill would ban Florida in-state tuition breaks for undocumented immigrants](#)

[WUSF: A state representative has filed an open carry bill for the 2025 legislative session](#)

[FlaPol: Jay Collins files farmworker housing bill after Gov. DeSantis vetoed similar measure](#)

[FlaPol: South Florida lawmaker refiles bill to require teacher training to protect against school shootings](#)

[Axios: Florida's outdoor recreation industry is worth \\$58 billion](#)

[WLRN: About half of Miami's native trees at risk from rising temps. What should we plant now?](#)

[Times: Pinellas classrooms vacated after school death linked to Legionnaires' disease](#)

## ON THE DOCKET THIS WEEK

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

- FISH AND WILDLIFE ISSUES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet, with issues including an update on the state's black bear management plan. - RP Funding Center, 701 West Lime St., Lakeland.
- JUSTICES WEIGH DEATH ROW CASE - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court will hear arguments in four cases, including an appeal by Death Row inmate Mesac Damas, who was convicted of killing his wife and five children in 2009 in Collier County. - Florida Supreme Court, 500 South Duval St., Tallahassee.
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. - Florida Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. - Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 985532741

- CENTRAL FLORIDA COUNCIL - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. - The Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - 100 Transformation Way, Auburndale.
- ROAD PLAN PRESENTED - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a hearing in Polk County to present a draft tentative five-year work program. - Florida Department of Transportation, 801 N. Broadway Avenue, Bartow. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5302437049812749659>
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - The Orlando Area Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/orlando-area-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>
- TRANSPORTATION ISSUES - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The state Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged will meet. - 3185 South Blairstone Road, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-739-5589. Code: 453090457
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD - Wednesday, 11 a.m. Central time. - The Triumph Gulf Coast board, which oversees settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. - Gulf Coast State College, Charles Hilton Center, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City.
- SOUTHWEST REFUGEE PANEL - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Southwest Florida Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/southwest-florida-refugee-task-force-meeting-0>
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - Appleton Museum of Art, 4333 East Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala.

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024**

- FISH AND WILDLIFE ISSUES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will meet, with issues including an update on the state's stone-crab and lobster-trap fisheries. - RP Funding Center, 701 West Lime St., Lakeland.
- FGCU TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees will meet. - <http://www.fgcu.edu/boardcast>
- ENGINEERING ISSUES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Professional Engineers will meet. - Holiday Inn Tallahassee East Capitol-Universities, 2003 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.
- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - [https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_XT\\_r5mxyQEiVefTEgQJeZQ#/registration](https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XT_r5mxyQEiVefTEgQJeZQ#/registration)
- MEDICAID CASELOADS - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze caseloads in the Medicaid program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES INTERVIEWED - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The 10th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview candidates for a circuit-judge position in Polk County. Candidates expected to be interviewed are Graylin Cory Chastang, Adam Patton, Monica Smith, Jennifer Steimle, John Waters and Rachelle Williamson. - Southern Atlantic Law Group, PLLC, 290 First St. South, Winter Haven.
- WATER QUALITY - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The state Biscayne Bay Commission will meet. - Information at <https://ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov/BiscayneBayCommission>
- GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY - Thursday, 10:45 a.m. - The state Government Efficiency Task Force will meet. - Call-in number: 850-739-6768. Code: 719278023
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NORTHWEST FLORIDA COUNCIL - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Emerald Coast Regional Council will meet. - Walton County Commission chamber, 571 U.S. 90 East, DeFuniak Springs.
- NORTHWEST WATER BOARD - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. - Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- LAND CONSERVATION - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will meet. Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.

- MEDICAID DRUGS - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board will meet. - <https://primetherapeutics.zoom.us/j/89047649471>, Call-in number: 1-305-224-1968. Webinar ID: 89047649471
- 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: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 923417661

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024**

- PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD - Friday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Board of Physical Therapy will meet. - The Shores Resort & Spa, 2637 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores.
- PHARMACY BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Board of Pharmacy will meet. - St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg.
- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.
- PHARMACEUTICAL ISSUES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee will meet. - <https://primetherapeutics.zoom.us/j/87614551863>
- UF TRUSTEES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet after holding a series of committee meetings on Thursday. - University of Florida, Emerson Alumni Hall, Gainesville.
- LAND CONSERVATION - Friday, 9 a.m. - The state Acquisition and Restoration Council, which works on land-conservation issues, will meet. - Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.
- PODIATRIC BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet. - Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 882700344
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Miami-Dade Refugee Task Force will meet. - Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/miami-dade-refugee-task-force-meeting-1>
- MEDICAID ISSUES - Friday, 11 a.m. - The state Medical Care Advisory Committee, which works on Medicaid issues, will meet. - Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Dr., Building 3, Tallahassee.
- ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL - Friday, 1 p.m. - The state Environmental Regulation Commission is scheduled to meet. - Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Building, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee.

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 24-25**

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

**2024**

December 9-13 Interim Committee Meeting - Senate only

**2025**

January 13-17-	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
January 21-24	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 2 -	Deadline for release of Governors recommended budget
February 3 – 7	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 10 – 14	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
February 17 – 21	Interim Committee Meeting – House and Senate
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, F
June 12 -	Small School District Breakfast Meeting

June 24-27  
June 25

FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando  
Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

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