

Army will play Navy on Saturday at 3 p.m.; the game will air on CBS.

Prediction – Navy will give it a great effort! Army should roll over Navy!

***I say – “Go Navy!” What say you?
C’mon – What say you?***

The Briefing for December 13, 2024

The Last Briefing was December 12, 2024

Here's the link to the College Football Playoff Matchups!

Here are the 2024 Bowl Matchups!

What’s the weather outlook?

[10-Day Weather Forecast for Tallahassee, FL - The Weather Channel | weather.com](https://www.weather.com/forecast/10-day-weather-forecast-for-tallahassee-fl)

81 Days!

In 81 days, Tuesday, March 4th, the Florida Legislature will convene the 2025 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature. New leadership in the Senate and the House will guide the respective legislative bodies for the next two years.

- Ben Albritton, will lead the Senate. Senator Albritton is a legislator that is “Rural” through and through! He served in the House leading on many issues impact small counties and rural areas. His opening remarks outline his aspirations and priorities. One of the Presidents major priorities will be what he is calling a “Rural Renaissance!” We look forward to working with the Senator’s Office in supporting those issues of highest significance – roads, education, agriculture, economic development, water and more!
- Danny Perez, will lead the House. Representative Perez is a smart, affable person. He is married and has a small children. He is of Cuban decent and the historical perspective of what happened in the 50’s and 60’s has been foundational in his thinking. Perez has expressed an intention to reduce the size of the budget – which signals the importance of

documenting all requests with clear plans and information justifying R.O.I. He is fair and accessible – it will be a pleasure working with his staff this session.

Bills Pre-filed for Consideration in the 2025 Session

 [Bills Pre-filed as of Dec 13 - 2024 .docx](#)

Over the next few weeks there will be hundreds of bills filed in the House and the Senate. Not all will be heard – very few will pass the both the House and Senate. The link above provides a briefing narrative of the 65 bills that have been filed as of today. Remember - Senate Bills are even-numbered. House Bills are odd-numbered. We will begin tracking bills by topic – education, local government, etc.

Small County Rural Legislators Will Be Influential and Effective

There are 12 Senate and 21 House Districts that include all or a portion of a small county. These legislators are aware and engaged on issues impacting our counties and school districts. Now is the time to work closely with your local house and senate members. Prepare a legislative program and reach-out to your legislators to review your priorities. Local budget request guidelines are open in the House and will open soon in the Senate.

Senate Committee Assignments Announced

Senate President Ben Albritton issued a memorandum to all members regarding committee assignments for the 2025 legislative session. Linked below is the President's memo along with Committee Assignments by Committee and by Senator.

[Memo re: Committee Assignments](#)


[Senate Committee Assignments 2024-26 by Committee](#)

[Senate Committee Assignments 2024-26 by Senator](#)

Here are some links that might help you prepare for the session-

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

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](#)

Small School District Priorities

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

www.ssdcc.org

Small County Priorities

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

www.smallcountycoalition.org

Key Dates for the 2025

March 4 Regular Session Begins

March 18 - Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing/Reception

March 19 Small School District Legislative Briefing
March 19 -20 Rural Counties Day in the Legislature
May 2 - Regular Session Ends

Headlines Around the State

[*WaPo: From Wiles to Waltz, Trump's transition is the Florida show*](#)

[*Post: U.S. Rep. Brian Mast chosen to lead powerful House Foreign Affairs Committee in next Congress*](#)

[*WUSF: Solar power continues to shine brightly in Florida*](#)

[*News 4 Jax: Parents hope community engagement at DCPS townhalls will lead to meaningful change for district*](#)

[*FlaPol: Ahead of 2025 Session, Jason Shoaf has Wakulla Springs, recidivism relief on his mind*](#)

[*FlaPol: Florida Commission on the Status of Women to host Veterans Roundtable*](#)

[*FlaPol: 4 Panhandle counties get \\$89M approved for public projects*](#)

[*WLRN: Could captive breeding save this vanishing Everglades bird?*](#)

[*Sentinel: Florida's high court recommends Legislature create 50 more judgeships across state*](#)

[*FlaPol: Florida Supreme Court seeks more Judges, describes workload impacts*](#)

[*FlaPol: Florida's new unemployment claims tick up, but remain at levels seen most of this year*](#)

[*News 4 Jax: Florida condo safety guidelines are disrupting the real estate market, leading to surge in sales*](#)

[*Sun-Sentinel: New Florida teachers would train against school shootings, bill proposes*](#)

[*Sun-Sentinel: Florida considers land deals to shield thousands of acres from development*](#)

[*Floridian: Ileana Garcia, State Attorney Develop Bill Punishing Drunk Boat Drivers After Teen's Death*](#)

[*Florida Phoenix: Former Sen. Lorraine Ausley's husband 'hopeful' for 'full recovery' following bike accident*](#)

[*DBNJ: Volusia County School Board approves Superintendent Carmen Balgobin's four-year contract*](#)

[*FlaPol: Panhandle Sheriffs endorse Nathan Boyles in coming HD 3 race*](#)

[*Daily News: Collier commissioners approve settlement on golf course conversion*](#)

ON THE DOCKET THIS WEEK

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.

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	FAC Annual Summer Meeting - Orlando
June 25	Small County Coalition Annual Business Meeting - Orlando

About the Briefing!

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