



The Briefing for January 28, 2025

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What's the weather outlook?

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

Breaking News

Legislative Leaders Preparing Amendments to more of President Trumps issues.

Joint Memo from Senate and House Leaders Amending Call of 2025B to add provisions suggested by the TRUMP Administration

Federal Government Issues Pause on dispersing Federal Grants

The Executive Office of the President – OMB has issued a memorandum directing all federal agencies to pause the obligation and disbursement of Federal funds. The funding freeze will go into effect at 5:00PM – January 28.

OMB Memorandum Freezing Obligation and Disbursement of Federal Funds

Special Sessions held amidst a rift between the Governor and House and Senate Leaders

Special Session 2025A – Convenes then Adjourns

- After returning from the Inauguration, Governor DeSantis communicates his support for the Federal Immigration Effort and indicates intention to call the legislature into Special Session to address the issue.
- In response to the Governor, Senate President Albritton and House Speaker Perez issue Joint Memorandum express reservation - calling the Governor's action "premature" and "irresponsible".
- The Governor proceeds to Convene Special Session 2025A

Special Session 2025A is Held

- On Monday, the House and Senate leadership call Special Session 2025A to Order and proceed to Over-ride the Governor's veto of funding for the Legislature's operations.
- Following the Over-Ride, Legislative leaders adjourn Special Session 2025A Sine Die without taking up any of the Governor's proposals.

Albritton and Perez Issue Proclamation Convening Special Session 2025B

- The Senate President and House Speaker immediately issue a Joint Proclamation convening Special Session 2025B to address matters related to Immigration and Border Security.

Special Session 2025B convenes

- HB 1B is filed in the House and SB 2B is filed in the Senate.

- House and Senate proceed with hold committee meetings to review, consider, and approve HB 1B and SB 2B. Both bills move affirmatively through the committee process.

2025B Floor Action to Pass HB 1B and HB 2B

- The House will meet today at 1:00pm to consider HB 1B
- The Senate will meet at NOON to consider SB 2B
- After consideration in the House and Senate the bills will be sent to the other Chamber for final action.
- After final action, the bills will be sent to the Governor. Veto????

Legislation Under Consideration during the Special Session 2025B

HB 1B - Immigration - 2025

Text of HB 1B - Special Session 2025B

House Staff Analysis of HB 1B

Summary - The bill designates the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture as the chief immigration officer and centralizes various immigration enforcement responsibilities within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

- Assigns the Commissioner of Agriculture as the exclusive state liaison for federal immigration enforcement, with the authority to appoint an employee to assist in this role.
- Establishes the Commissioner of Agriculture as the head of the newly created Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program, which supports local law enforcement in federal immigration law enforcement efforts.
- Prohibits grants from being used for activities already funded by federal or other sources and mandates the adoption of procedural rules for the grant program.
- Details additional duties for the Commissioner, such as coordinating immigration law enforcement audits, recommending improvements to state-federal cooperation, and reporting on available detention space to state and federal legislators.
- Amends various Florida Statutes to incorporate these changes and to define terms related to these new administrative structures and responsibilities.

Effective Date: upon becoming a law

SB 2B - Immigration - 2025B

Text of Senate Bill CS for SB-2B

Senate Staff Analysis of CS for SB 2B

Summary - The bill designates the Commissioner of Agriculture as the chief immigration officer and centralizes Florida's immigration enforcement responsibilities within this role and related offices.

- Assigns the Commissioner of Agriculture as the sole liaison between state and federal immigration agencies.
- Authorizes the Commissioner to appoint an employee to help facilitate coordination between state government and federal immigration entities.
- Establishes the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program to support local enforcement and compliance with federal immigration laws.
- Lays out the grants award process and prohibits awarding grants for activities already funded by federal or other sources.
- Defines a new felony offense for non-citizens who vote in elections and sets penalties.
- Designates the Office of State Immigration Enforcement within the Division of Law Enforcement under the Department of Agriculture.

- Specifies roles including regulating the application of federal immigration laws, conducting audits, certifying compliance, and enforcing eligibility for public employment.
- Outlines enhanced documentation requirements for proving lawful presence or citizenship in various state applications, such as driver's licenses.
- Revises terms related to immigration in previously established legal definitions and compliance rules.
- Implements penalties and enforcement measures related to illegal immigration status and unauthorized employment.

Effective Date: Except as otherwise provided in this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law

Deliberations can be watched live on

[The Florida Channel: Home](#)

Headlines Around the State

[Herald: DeSantis seeks Trump's input in fight with Florida Legislature over immigration](#)

[Daily News: New Secretary of State Marco Rubio of Florida jumps into new role. What he's starting with](#)

[News4JAX: Pres. Trump to give remarks at Republican Issues Conference in Florida](#)

[My News 13: Trump boasts of immigration operations, urges House GOP to stay united at Florida retreat](#)

[Axios: Under pressure from DeSantis, Florida police agencies ready to help ICE](#)

[FlaPol: 'She's made of ice': Donald Trump talks Susie Wiles, flipping 'Democrat state' Florida](#)

[FlaPol: Primary Elections to choose likely successors to Matt Gaetz, Michael Waltz in Congress](#)

[Herald Tribune: Rep. Greg Steube to use new House Intelligence post support changes in U.S. surveillance](#)

[The Floridian: Cruz & Scott Introduce Bill, Bans Foreign Purchase of Lands Near U.S. Military Installments](#)

[NYT: Florida Scours College Textbooks, Looking for Antisemitism](#)

[The Capitolist: Florida part of \\$7.4B opioid settlement](#)

[The Capitolist: Mangrove Property Insurance approved to enter Florida market](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: New property insurer approved for Florida, plans 81,040 Citizens takeouts](#)

[The Floridian: Donalds Says House Republicans Have 'Responsibility' to Investigate 'Biden Crime Family'](#)

[WUSF: Utility regulators urged to approve Tampa Electric and Duke bill increases for storm costs](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Elon Musk chooses Miami for Neuralink brain-implant research](#)

[The Capitolist: Florida strengthens semiconductor industry with Taiwan partnership](#)

[Democrat: 'Nickel Boys,' movie based on Marianna's Dozier School, nominated for Best Picture Oscar](#)

[Daily News: Fewer than 300 Florida panthers are likely left. How long can they last?](#)

[WUSF: SunPass users are still being plagued by scam texts. Here's what to know](#)

[Times: Rays owner Stu Sternberg: 'We have to make a decision' on stadium deal](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Floridians living with multiple sclerosis find hope in new treatments](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Criminal case dismissed against Parkland dad in Oregon property dispute](#)

[PNJ: Florida condo sales in 2024 lowest since 2010. Here's why](#)

[FlaPol: UF installing new supercomputer at Gainesville campus to advance AI research](#)

[Democrat: Chile's 14-year-old arrested for social media threat to 'shoot up the school'](#)

[Politico: Florida Legislature defies DeSantis on illegal immigration as Republican foes assert power](#)

[WLRN: The Florida Legislature rebukes DeSantis, calls its own special session with veto overrides](#)

[Democrat: Defying DeSantis: Florida lawmakers quickly move immigration bill through special session](#)

[Democrat: A 'blatant lie': Fight escalates between DeSantis, Florida Legislature over immigration](#)

[CBS Miami: Florida lawmakers rebuke Gov. DeSantis, unveil new immigration plan](#)

[Times: Florida lawmakers' plan would take away much of DeSantis' authority over immigration](#)

[FlaPol: 'Takes power away from me': Ron DeSantis rips legislative leadership on national TV, radio](#)

[The Floridian: DeSantis Blasts Rebellious Florida GOP Legislature's 'Weak' Immigration Bill](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis accuses Legislature of 'theatrics' and 'messaging bills' amid Special Session split](#)

[My News 13: Republican lawmakers fire back after DeSantis criticizes 'TRUMP Act'](#)

[FlaPol: 'Just not telling the truth': Ben Albritton, Daniel Perez blast Gov. DeSantis for 'blatant lies' about TRUMP Act](#)

[WLRN: DeSantis seeks to criminalize the aiding of undocumented immigrants, amid various proposals](#)

[FlaPol: Donald Trump ally Joe Gruters carries immigration enforcement expansion through first Senate committee](#)

[FlaPol: Senate bill that could nix in-state tuition for undocumented migrants receives partisan pushback](#)

[The Floridian: Florida House Debates Massive Illegal Immigration Changes](#)

[The Floridian: Driskell Sounds the Alarm on Florida Immigration Bill](#)

[Herald: Florida condo costs officially dropped from special session amid Republican showdown](#)

[Sentinel: State lawmakers are pushing for vaccine exemptions even as childhood vaccination rates fall](#)

[My News 13: Proposed Florida legislation would aid businesses affected by construction projects](#)

[WUSF: A Florida bill would mandate that 'edible vaccines' carry proper food labeling](#)

[The Capitolist: Report: Big deficit ahead for state employee health insurance trust fund](#)

[Sun: Gainesville's \\$11M grant for EV charging stations in limbo after Trump executive order](#)

[Bradenton Herald: Manatee official wants to remove fluoride from water. How has it worked out elsewhere?](#)

[Democrat: Dismissed: Judge tosses out Jeremy Matlow's open government lawsuit against Blueprint](#)

On the Docket

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

- SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS - Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for special primary elections in Congressional District 1 and Congressional District 6. The District 1 seat is open because of the resignation of former U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Fla. The District 6 seat is open because former U.S. Rep. Mike Waltz, R-Fla., was named national security adviser by President Donald Trump. Special general elections will be held April 1. District 1 is made up Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties and part of Walton County. District 6 is made up of Flagler and Putnam counties and parts of Lake, Marion, St. Johns and Volusia counties.

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Miami Dade College, Kendall Campus, 11011 S.W. 104th St., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- 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.
- PILOT COMMISSIONERS BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Pilot Commissioners will meet. DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Key Resort Key West, 3990 South Roosevelt Blvd., Key West.
- ENGINEERS BOARD - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers will meet. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89248983266>. Meeting ID: 89248983266
- KEYS COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The College of the Florida Keys Board of Trustees will meet. The College of the Florida Keys, Upper Keys Center, 106040 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.
- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.
- SEWER SERVICE - Tuesday, 6 p.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing for potential customers of Environmental Utilities, LLC, which is seeking approval to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County. Tringali Park Recreation Center, 3460 North Access Road, Englewood.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

- 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
- UNEMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD - 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
- SEWER SERVICE - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold a hearing for potential customers of Environmental Utilities, LLC, which is seeking approval to provide wastewater service in Charlotte County. Tringali Park Recreation Center, 3460 North Access Road, Englewood.
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84840300265?pwd=TJ0zNhatbGcehloHqLE2bFVIJWV7rf.1>. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656. Meeting ID: 84840300265. Code: 936748
- TURNPIKE PROJECT - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will hold a meeting about a project to add lanes on Florida's Turnpike from the Sawgrass Expressway to Glades Road in Broward and Palm Beach counties. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4996170285056852320>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

- COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind is scheduled to meet. Holiday Inn IHG Hotel, 2003 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-583-5063. Code: 237602893
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Thursday, 9 a.m. The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a full board

meeting. University of North Florida, John A. Delaney Student Union West, 1 UNF Dr., Jacksonville.

- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review is scheduled to meet. Florida Commission on Offender Review, 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet. Mission Inn Resort and Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.
- SPEECH-LANGUAGE BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology will meet. Residence Inn Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 600 West Gaines St., Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions. <https://floridachamberfoundation.regfox.com/2025-virtual-florida-economic-outlook-jobs-solution-summit>
- GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY EYED - Thursday, 1 p.m. The state Government Efficiency Task Force will meet. Call-in number: 850-739-6768. Code: 893974948
- TURNPIKE DISCUSSED PROJECT - Thursday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a project to add lanes on Florida's Turnpike from the Sawgrass Expressway to Glades Road in Broward and Palm Beach counties. Sugar Sand Park Community Center, 300 South Military Trail, Boca Raton.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2025

- BROWARD COLLEGE CANDIDATES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Broward College Board of Trustees will interview candidates for the school's presidency. The candidates are Torey Alston, a former chief of staff at the Florida Department of Transportation who also was appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis in 2021 to the Broward County Commission and in 2022 to the Broward County School Board, and Jose Llontop, an executive partner at Salt Creek Capital, an investment firm. The Board of Trustees also will hold a regular meeting scheduled to start at 4 p.m. Broward College, Willis Holcombe Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.
- NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. Information at <https://floridasnursinghomeadmin.gov/meeting-information/>
- PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. The state Correctional Medical Authority will meet. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION - Friday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission for Independent Education is scheduled to meet. Mission Inn Resort and Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.
- PODIATRIC BOARD - Friday, 10 a.m. The Florida Board of Podiatric Medicine will meet. Drury Inn & Suites-Universal Orlando Resort, 7301 West Sand Lake Road, Orlando.

Mark Your Calendars

2025

- January 27 - Special Session and Committee Meetings
- January 28-29 - House Committee Meetings
- 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

About the Briefing

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