



## *The Briefing for January 30, 2025*

*The Last Briefing was January 29, 2025*

### *What's the weather outlook?*

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

*Executive Order OMB M-25-13 Pausing Federal Assistance has been rescinded.*

[Here's the OMB Memorandum Rescinding OMB M-25-14](#)

### *Release of Governor's Budget Proposal for FY 25-26*

*February 2, 2025, is the date for the release.*

The Governor's Budget proposal for FY 25-26 should be released Feb. 2, 2025 - 30 days before the beginning of the legislative session - The governor uses the LBRs to make a [budget recommendation](#). The governor presents a recommended budget to the Legislature. This budget promotes the governor's key issues and priorities. The legislative session will convene on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

### *Legislative Calendar Set Calendar for Next Week*

[House Daily Calendar for the Week of Feb 3-7](#)

[Senate Calendar for Week of Feb 3-7](#)

### *Senate Committees to Focus on Regional Education Consortia*

*Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - Senate Education Pre-K - 12: 11:00 a.m.— 1:00 p.m.,*

Pat Thomas Committee Room, 412 Knott Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Simon, Chair; Senator Calatayud, Vice Chair; Senators Berman, Burgess, Collins, Davis, Gaetz, Thompson, and Yarborough)

#### *Agenda*

- Presentations from the Executive Directors of the Heartland Educational Consortium, North East Florida Educational Consortium, and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium on Rural School Districts and Consortia Services
- Panel Discussion by Rural School District Superintendents

*Wednesday, February 5, 2025 - Senate Appropriations on Pre-K-12 Ed.: 1:15-2:45 p.m.,*

Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building:

(MEMBERS: Senator Burgess, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Calatayud, Fine, Gaetz, Jones, Osgood, Simon, and Yarborough)

#### *Agenda*

- Program Review - District Support Programs - Assistance to Low Performing Schools; School District Education Foundation Matching Grants; Regional Literacy Teams
- Program Review - Regional Education Consortia

**Deliberations can be watched live on**  
[The Florida Channel: Home](#)

**Adopted Legislative Programs for 2025 Legislative Session**

Both the Small School District Council Consortium (SSDCC) and the Small County Coalition have adopted Legislative Programs for the 2025 Session. We encourage utilization of the information included to support your local legislative effort. Also listed below the adopted legislative programs are ‘Higher-Level’ issues of concern in Florida’s small counties and school districts . Feel free to cut an paste sections or text, if that will help you express support for those items included.

**SSDCC 2025 Legislative Priorities - Adopted December 2024.docx**

Providing Flexibility in the School Start Time Mandate  
 Offset impact of Sharing 1.5 millage revenues  
 Addressing Acceleration Issues  
 Funding for the Special Facility Construction Account Program  
 Provide a substantial increase in funding to the School Transportation Formula  
 Recovery from impacts of hurricanes on district facilities and enrollment  
 Support for the Regional Education Consortia program.

 **The Small County Coalition - 2025 Legislative Program - Adopted December 2024.docx**

Unrestricted Determination of Local Elected Officials  
 Solar Facilities on Agricultural Lands  
 Hurricane Relief  
 Increased Funding for Small County Road Programs  
 Stability and Sustainability of funding for Fiscally Constrained Counties  
 Enhance Funding in Key Programs

**Headlines Around the State**

[The Floridian: DeSantis: Trump Told Him He 'Can't Be Weak' on Immigration Fight With Legislature](#)

[FlaPol: Ron DeSantis ready to help Donald Trump deportations to Gitmo](#)

[FlaPol: Senate Judiciary Committee recommends Pam Bondi be confirmed as Attorney General](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Resist or cooperate? Broward's congressional Democrats attempt to navigate Trump-dominated Washington](#)

[CBS News: Rubio foreign aid freeze leads to USAID staff suspensions and contractor terminations](#)

[Post: For real or political posturing? Florida illegal labor crackdown might be a Trump preview](#)

[FlaPol: Ashley Moody builds Senate staff, hiring Justin Roth, Whitney Ray](#)

[The Floridian: Salazar and Laura Loomer Fight on X About Cubans, Haitians, Venezuelans, and Nicaraguans' Legality](#)

[The Floridian: Bilirakis Cosponsors Bill Improving Veterans' Access to Care](#)

[Democrat: Florida judge rules against book ban-opposed parents alleging censorship, discrimination](#)

[CBS Miami: South Florida officials react to Trump's plans to send undocumented immigrants to Guantanamo Bay](#)

[CBS Miami: South Florida's Venezuelan community reacts to Trump administration's decision to end TPS](#)

[News-Press: Could immigration crackdowns reach inside Lee County schools? Here's what to know](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: 'All hands on deck': How Broward braced for potential freeze in federal funds](#)

[News4JAX: There have been rumors of ICE raids around Northeast Florida. Here's what we found out](#)

[Times: Immigration agents at schools? Tampa Bay schools get prepared](#)

[The Hill: Republicans leave Florida frustrated with lack of final plan to pass Trump agenda](#)

[The Floridian: Republican Lawmakers Wrap Up 2025 Issues Conference in South Florida](#)

[Sentinel: Florida reading, math scores fall to lowest mark in more than 20 years on nation's report card](#)

[Bradenton Herald: Feds have \\$250 million grant for Manatee hurricane recovery. Will funding get blocked?](#)

[Yahoo News: Trump appears poised for first return to Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach since inauguration](#)

[Herald: Chinese migrants picked up in Gables were headed to Orlando, man tells feds. Boat found](#)

[WUSF: Trial begins for leader of Tampa neo-Nazi group accused of plotting power grid attack](#)

[Politico: As Trump looms over Florida politics, DeSantis' power in Tallahassee wanes](#)

[WUSF: DeSantis pledges to veto immigration bill crafted and approved by a defiant Legislature](#)

[The Floridian: 'Not Gonna Quit': DeSantis Hints at New Special Session Over Immigration Bill Clash](#)

[NBC 6: 'This is not an ego trip': Florida House Speaker Danny Perez on special session showdown](#)

[Times: Florida House speaker Perez talks about rift with DeSantis over immigration bill](#)

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[FlaPol: As Florida Republicans war with one another, Jason Pizzo said Democrats may need to broker the solution](#)

[Democrat: What to watch for as DeSantis, GOP leaders clash over immigration](#)

[WUSF: DeSantis vs. GOP lawmakers: A political science expert breaks down the feud](#)

[Times: The Ron DeSantis-Wilton Simpson feud, explained](#)

[WLRN: Florida Legislature votes to cancel Dreamers' in-state tuition. But is it contradicting Trump?](#)

[WUSF: Dreamers say eliminating in-state tuition waivers would make college an impossible goal](#)

[Herald: Miami lawmakers once protected in-state tuition for so-called Dreamers. No longer.](#)

[PNJ: Sen. Don Gaetz transported to hospital after suffering medical event while giving a speech](#)

[The Capitolist: Sen. Danny Burgess proposes statewide Alzheimer's awareness program](#)

[Ledger: Polk Republican leader supports DeSantis, expresses disappointment with legislative leaders](#)

[Bradenton Herald: Manatee County reveals fluoride already missing from water as scientific debate begins](#)

[FlaPol: Florida agricultural businesses damaged by winter storm can apply for recovery loans](#)

[AP: Killed Florida TV reporter's parents claim his employer failed to provide for his safety in lawsuit](#)

[My News 13: 'Influenza A H3' cases on rise in Bay area, Central Florida](#)

[WUSF: Red tide continues to recede off the Gulf beaches](#)

### *On the Docket*

#### **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**

- 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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