



Week 2!
7 days down
53 to go!



The Briefing for March 9, 2025

The Last Briefing was March 6, 2025

What's the weather outlook?

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

If you're coming to Tallahassee - Book your hotel - [Tallahassee Hotels .docx](#)

Legislator Contacts

<https://www.flhouse.gov/representatives>

<https://flsenate.gov/Senators>

Calendars for Weeks 2 and 3

[House Calendar for Weeks 2 and 3](#)

[Senate Calendar for Weeks 2 and 3](#)

What Day is it this week in the Capitol??

Monday -

Puerto Rico Day

Tuesday

Emergency Management Day - Florida Hospital Association Day - Florida Space Day
Developmental Disabilities Day - Florida National Guard Day - Girl Scout Day
State of Clerk and Controller Day - Florida Arts and Culture Day at the Capitol

Wednesday

Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology CRNA Day - [Firefighters Day in the Capitol](#)
[Florida Hospital Days](#) - [Clerks' Day at the Capitol](#) - [Moffitt Day at the Capitol](#)

Thursday

Florida Keys Day - [Community Partnership School Day](#)

Status of Major Legislation

County Commission/Schools Board Term Limits - [SB 802](#) and [HJR 679](#)

The Senate Bill is up in Senate Ethics and Elections at 1:30 on Monday. Sen. Grall has filed an amendment to set the term limit at 12 years. It is still a statewide vote.

Opposition to this proposal is not to protect any elected official!

Opposition is to protect the right of the voter in each county!

Each community should be free to make the decision whether their community should have term-limits!

The 67 counties are too different to let a few counties dominate the others!

The proposal should provide for each county to decide!

**Rural Renaissance - [Senate Bill 110](#) and [HB 1427](#) –
[Here's the Staff Analysis of SB 110](#)**

School Start Time - [SB 296](#) and [HB 261](#)

The Bills are identical. Senate Bill is on Senate PreK-12 committee agenda on Tuesday at 8:30

Property Tax Issues

[Senate Finance and Tax Committee - Property Tax Overview](#)

Several bills have been filed to increase property tax exemptions. Reduction and/or elimination of property tax is on the top of the speaking points of the Governor and legislators. Property taxes are a majority of funds for local governments and school boards. The following chart [Property Tax Bills 2025](#) listing all of the bills impacting property tax was prepared by the Florida Association of Counties. The Senate Finance and Tax Committee conducted a workshop providing an overview on Property Tax in Florida. It is recommended that individuals coming to Tallahassee be prepared to discuss how much revenue is generated from your property tax and how those revenues are used for public services

Affordable Housing - [HB 247](#) and [SB 184](#)

[Staff Analysis of SB 184](#)

CS/SB 184 proposes three changes relating to the development and supply of affordable housing.

First, the bill requires each county and municipality to enact an ordinance to allow accessory dwelling units (ADU) in all single-family residential areas. The bill also allows certain land donated to a local government for affordable housing to be used to provide affordable housing to military families receiving the basic allowance for housing. The bill provides that the owner of a property with an ADU may not be denied a homestead exemption for those portions of property on which the owner maintains a permanent residence solely on the basis of the property containing an ADU.

Sovereign Immunity - [HB 301](#) and [SB 1570](#)

Bills are identical – Propose Significant Increase in Caps – that will increase in insurance rates.

[Analysis of Sovereign Immunity Legislation](#)

Regional Planning Councils –

[HB 1125 \(2025\) - Regional Planning and Economic Development |](#)

[SB 1264 \(2025\) - Rural and Urban Business Enterprises](#)

The bills revise and realigns several councils – creates revisions to address economic development.

Solar Fields - [SB 1304](#) and [HB 1595](#)

Bills are identical – authorize a county to adopt an ordinance requiring that certain solar facilities be properly decommissioned under certain circumstances; deleting a provision providing that a solar facility is a permitted use in certain land use categories and zoning districts subject to compliance certain requirements; deleting a provision exempting solar facility substations from

the electric substations for which local governments may adopt and enforce certain land development regulations

SB 166 – Administrative Efficiency in Public Schools

Staff Analysis of SB 166

SB 166 streamlines policy adoption; allows superintendents to award teachers a three-year contract, and it would repeal the cost-per-student station limitation on school construction; modifies the third-grade retention, and eliminates the Algebra I and 10th grade ELA assessment graduation requirements. It will be heard by the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education on March 11, 2025.

HB 591 and CS/SB 112 – Children with Developmental Disabilities

The bills focus on children with disabilities before they reach school age (birth – 4) and children with autism.

CS/HB 85 and SB 650 – Hazardous Walking Conditions

Staff Analysis of HB 85

Bills are identical and change the definition of hazardous walking condition for school transportation.

CS/HB 123 and SB 140 – Education

Staff Analysis of CS/HB 123

These bills address conversion charter schools and dictate school district control over real property.

CS/HB 597 and SB 772 – Diabetes Management in Schools

Staff Analysis of HB 597

Bills authorize public schools to acquire and maintain a supply of undesignated glucagon for use on students with diabetes experiencing hypoglycemic emergencies.

Week Three will be a Big Week for Local Governments

Tuesday – March 18 -

Small County Coalition Legislative Welcome Reception - 5:15pm-7:00pm
Florida Headquarters American Institute of Architects – 104 E. Jefferson St

Wednesday – March 19

Small School District Council Consortium Special Briefing - 9:45am-11:15am
Hayward House - 228.Adams Street

Wednesday – March 19

Florida Association of Counties Legislative Days –

Briefing – Lobbying – Reception

Registration Required

Wednesday /Thursday – March 19-20
Florida School Boards Association Legislative Days
Registration Required

Rural County Days -2025 – March 19 – 20
Link for Registration, Information and Schedule

Headlines From The Weekend

[*FlaPol: Byron Donalds promises 'cordial conversations' with Legislature as Governor*](#)

[*Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis requested help for elderly condo owners. Here are the proposals.*](#)

[*FlaPol: Could red flag laws be replaced by involuntary commitment?*](#)

[*WUSF: Gainesville state representative files bill to improve public transportation in Florida*](#)

[*WLRN: More than 2 years later, National Guard remains stationed in Florida prisons. Will they ever leave?*](#)

[*FlaPol: Clay Yarborough bill checks wayward teachers and the school districts that hire them*](#)

[*Herald: Florida's police and sheriffs on the vanguard of Trump's immigration-enforcement plans*](#)

[*News4JAX: Could this be the last time we spring forward? President Trump wants to end changing clocks*](#)

[*FlaPol: Lucy's Law to increase boater safety, crack down on reckless boaters, clears first committee*](#)

[*FlaPol: Bills hiking penalties for cop killers are again advancing in Florida*](#)

[*Sentinel: Low-key session in Tallahassee focuses on government efficiency, transparency and the economy*](#)

[*Sun-Sentinel: Is DeSantis' talk of eliminating property taxes serious and possible? Or is it political hot air?*](#)

[*Sentinel: Abolish the property tax? Momentum builds for Florida overhaul*](#)

[*Herald: Sheriff suspends enforcement of some Miami school bus camera tickets after complaints*](#)

[*FlaPol: FEMA fires 3 supervisors in wake of Hurricane Milton political discrimination*](#)

[*Democrat: FAMU partners with North Florida College, marking 20th transfer program partnership*](#)

[*FlaPol: Senate plans to honor Geraldine Thompson in Tallahassee*](#)

On the Docket

MONDAY MARCH 10

— Legislature:

- HEALTH INSURANCE - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee
- MINIMUM WAGE - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will consider a proposal (SB 676), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that deals with the minimum wage for people who are in such arrangements as apprenticeships and internships. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HIGHER EDUCATION CHANGES -Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will take up a bill (SB 1624), filed by Chairwoman Alexis Calatayud, R-Miami, that would

make a series of changes affecting state universities and colleges. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- COUNTY TERM LIMITS - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will consider a proposed constitutional amendment (SJR 802), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, about eight-year term limits for county commissioners and school board members. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- BARGAINING IMPASSES - Monday, 4 p.m. - The Joint Select Committee on Collective Bargaining will hold a hearing on issues at impasse. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Monday, 15 minutes after committee meetings end. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group is scheduled to set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ON TABLE - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to unclaimed property. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- ALZHEIMER’S AWARENESS SOUGHT - Monday, 6 p.m. - The Alzheimer’s Association will hold a ceremony to light the Old Capitol in purple to raise Alzheimer’s disease awareness. Participants in the event are expected to include Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills; Rep. Michelle Salzman, R-Pensacola, and Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Michelle Branham. Old Capitol steps.

TUESDAY MARCH 11, 2025

— Legislature:

- CELL PHONES AT SCHOOLS - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The House Education Administration Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 949), filed by Rep. Demi Busatta, R-Coral Gables, that would prevent students from using cell phones during the school day, expanding the current prohibition on cell-phone use during instructional time. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The House Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1119), filed by Rep. Vanessa Oliver, R-Punta Gorda, that addresses pediatric care in hospital emergency rooms, including requiring development of minimum standards for pediatric care. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- BUDGET ISSUES - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The House State Administration Budget Subcommittee will discuss budget reductions and travel expenditures. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL START TIMES - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. - The Senate Pre-K-12 Education Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 296), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would repeal requirements aimed at later start times for many high schools. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 184), filed by Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, that would make changes aimed at boosting affordable housing. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The House Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee will discuss funding issues related to agencies such as the Department of Commerce, the Department of Transportation and the Division of Emergency Management. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- COLLEGE FUNDING - Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. - The House Higher Education Budget Subcommittee will receive a presentation about the Florida college system funding model. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol. 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL READINESS MONEY - Tuesday, 10:15 a.m. - The House PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee will discuss reimbursement rates for school readiness providers. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CHILD WELFARE - Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - The House Human Services Subcommittee will take up a proposal (HB 1127), filed by Rep. Meg Weinberger, R-Palm Beach Gardens, that would make changes in the child-welfare system, such as requiring the creation of a program to recruit child-protective investigators and case managers. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- UNIVERSITY FUNDING - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Higher Education Appropriations Committee will hold a panel discussion about university-system funding. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GUNS IN EMERGENCIES - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will take up a bill (SB 952), filed by Sen. Blaise Ingoglia, R-Spring Hill, that would repeal a law that places restrictions on guns and ammunition during states of emergency. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GULF OF AMERICA ON AGENDA - Times: Tuesday, 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. - The House Government Operations Subcommittee, the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee and the Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider proposals (HB 575, SB 1058 and SB 608), filed by House Majority Leader Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, Sen. Joe Gruters, R-Sarasota, and Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, respectively, that would help carry out President Donald Trump's order to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the Gulf of America. House Government Operations at 1 p.m., 404 House Office Building. Also, Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability at 1:30 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building. Also, Senate Community Affairs at 4 p.m., 37 Senate Office Building.
- CONDO ASSOCIATIONS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 913), filed by Rep. Vicki Lopez, R-Miami, that would make changes related to condominium associations. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- VACANT POSITIONS GET LOOK - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House Justice Budget Subcommittee will review vacant positions in agencies. 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- CURSIVE WRITING MAKES COMEBACK - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The House Student Academic Success Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 921), filed by Rep. Toby Overdorf, R-Palm City, that would require instruction on cursive writing in grades 2 through 5. Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- BIRD FLU - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 762), filed by Sen. Lori Berman, D-Boca Raton, that would create a state task force to develop a strategy to prevent the spread of avian influenza in livestock and to prepare for possible human-to-human transmission. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- STATE GUARD - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will consider a proposal (SB 884), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would address a series of issues related to the Florida State Guard, including creating a scholarship program for State Guard members. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- 'FLORIDA FARM BILL' - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up a bill (SB 700), filed by Sen. Keith Truenow, R-Tavares, that would address a series of issues in the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and is dubbed the "Florida Farm Bill." 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL SAFETY - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1470), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would make changes related to school safety programs. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BATTERY MANUFACTURERS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will take up a bill (SB 800), filed by Sen. Stan McClain, R-Ocala, that would place requirements on battery manufacturers. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- GIRL SCOUTS CONVERGE ON CAPITOL- Girl Scouts from across the state will come to Tallahassee for Girl Scout Day at the Capitol.
- SUWANNEE WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Suwannee River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. UF/IFAS North Florida Research and Education Center-Suwanee Valley, 8202 County Road 417, Live Oak.
- ST. JOHNS WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The St. Johns River Water Management District Governing Board will meet. St. Johns River Water Management District, 4049 Reid St., Palatka.
- REHABILITATION COUNCIL - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Rehabilitation Council will hold a quarterly meeting. Aloft Gainesville-University Area, 3743 Hull Road, Gainesville.

- REFUGEE ISSUES - Tuesday, 10 a.m. - The Tallahassee Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/tallahassee-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- USF TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. - The University of South Florida Board of Trustees will meet. University of South Florida, Traditions Hall, 11810 USF Sago Dr., Tampa.
- CITRUS FORECAST RELEASED - Tuesday, noon. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture will update a forecast for the 2024-2025 citrus growing season. Call-in number: 1-888-844-9904. Code: 8552986
- BROWARD COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. Broward College, Willis Holcombe Center, 111 East Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale.
- RISK MANAGEMENT - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to risk management. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CLERKS AND COMPTROLLERS - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - Tiffany Moore Russell, who is the Orange County clerk of the circuit court and president of the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers organization, will give the first-ever “State of the Clerk and Comptroller” address. Jim Moran Institute, 111 South Monroe St., Tallahassee.
- EXPLORATORY WELL - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Drinking Water and Aquifer Protection Program will hold a meeting about a draft permit that would allow Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC, to drill an exploratory well at its Plant City facility. Information from the exploratory well would be used to examine the possibility of Mosaic injecting wastewater underground. 1601 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Plant City.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

— Legislature:

- CHILD CARE FACILITIES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 738), filed by Sen. Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, that includes revising licensing standards for child-care facilities. 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- DEFAMATION PROPOSAL - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will consider a proposal (SB 752), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would revise defamation laws, including in situations when media outlets do not remove defamatory statements from the internet. 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PSC CHANGES SOUGHT - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will take up a bill (SB 354), filed by Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, that would make changes related to the Florida Public Service Commission, including expanding the commission from five to seven members. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- BOATING SAFETY - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will consider a proposal (SB 628), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would make a series of changes about boating safety. 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES - Wednesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will consider a proposal (SB 118), filed by Sen. Jason Brodeur, R-Sanford, that would block local governments from regulating construction and operation of presidential libraries for President Donald Trump and other presidents who might plan such facilities in Florida. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID COVERAGE - Wednesday, noon. - Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, and Rep. Rita Harris, D-Orlando, will hold a news conference about a proposal (SB 1686 and HB 1373) on providing Medicaid coverage for working people with disabilities. Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS
 - House Security & Threat Assessment Committee (8 a.m., 12 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee (10:15 a.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - House Careers & Workforce Subcommittee (10:15 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)

- House Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee (10:15 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee (10:15 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (1 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Care Budget Subcommittee (1 p.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee (1 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee (1 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— **Also:**

- KAPPA ALPHA PSI DAY - Rep. Daryl Campbell, D-Fort Lauderdale, and Rep. Leonard Spencer, D-Gotha, will host Kappa Alpha Psi Day at the Capitol, with members of the fraternity speaking to state leaders.
- CITIZENS BOARD - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Citizens Property Insurance Corp. Board of Governors will meet at 1 p.m., after holding a series of committee meetings. The Westin Lake Mary, 2974 International Parkway, Lake Mary.
- FINANCIAL ‘OUTLOOKS’ - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will take up “outlooks” for general revenue and the State School Trust Fund. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **RURAL COUNTIES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to “fiscally constrained” rural counties. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.**
- 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
- NORTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Northwest Florida Water Management District, 81 Water Management Dr., Havana.
- WATER DISTRICT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District will hold an open house that will focus on the annual South Florida Environmental Report. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- REFUGEE ISSUES - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Jacksonville Area Refugee Task Force will meet. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/news-events/public-events-meetings/jacksonville-area-refugee-task-force-meeting>
- SPACE INDUSTRY - Wednesday, 2 p.m. - The Space Florida Board of Directors will meet. Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-321-234-5533. Code: 656533669
- 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/83178808909?pwd=bwkYTgbwGXkDcG9aEf7W4oKDufmIg.1>. Meeting ID: 83178808909. Code: 682127. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

— **Legislature:**

- LATE SENATOR HONORED - Thursday, noon, - The Senate will hold a memorial service for Sen. Geraldine Thompson, an Orange County Democrat who died last month at age 76. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. Senate chamber, the Capitol.
- OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS
 - House Ways & Means Committee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - Senate Appropriations Committee (9 a.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
 - Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (9 a.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

- House Education & Employment Committee (10 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Judiciary Committee (10 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Affairs Committee (10 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee (1 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee (1 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (1 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules & Ethics Committee (6:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0HC-ry1uQWKR1pyLXG47Fg#/registration
- VALENCIA COLLEGE BOARD - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - The Valencia College Board of Trustees will meet. Valencia College, Osceola Campus, 1800 Denn John Lane, Kissimmee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- WATER DISTRICT HOLDS OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, 1 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District will hold an open house that will focus on the annual South Florida Environmental Report. South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- MEDICAID DRUGS - Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - The state Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board will meet. <https://primetherapeutics.zoom.us/j/83897124401>
- FLORIDA GATEWAY TRUSTEES - Thursday, 5 p.m. - The Florida Gateway College Board of Trustees will meet. Florida Gateway College, Administration Building, Lake City.
- POSSIBLE BEAR HUNT - Thursday, 6 p.m. - The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will hold an online meeting about the possibility of holding a bear hunt. Members of the public can go to MyFWC.com/Hunting and click "Florida black bear."

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

— Legislature:

- INSURANCE & BANKING - Friday, 8 a.m. - The House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee is scheduled to meet. Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- JUDICIAL CANDIDATES - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The 6th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission will interview applicants for a circuit judgeship. Applicants scheduled to be interviewed are Natalie Scruggs, Elizabeth Constantine, Della Cope, Geoffrey Cox, Cornelius Demps, Kevin Elmore, Nick Fiorentino, Olivier Lindemann, Patrick Moore, Mark Robens, Amber Sherwood and Kathryn Spurlock. St. Petersburg College, 2465 Drew St., Clearwater.
- PREFERRED DRUG LIST - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The state Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee will discuss recommendations for a preferred drug list in the Medicaid program. <https://primetherapeutics.zoom.us/j/81373738996>
- GENERAL REVENUE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will update projections of general revenue, which plays a major role in funding schools, health care and prisons. Location; 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OPTOMETRY BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. Information at <https://floridasoptometry.gov/meeting-information/>
- HEARING AID ISSUES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 301372760
- PENCE TO SPEAK IN PALM BEACH - Friday, noon. - Former Vice President Mike Pence will speak to the Forum Club of the Palm Beaches. Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, 701 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach.

About the Briefing

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