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Week Four – 1/3 of Session Over!
21 Days Down
39 to Go!

The Briefing for March 22, 2025

The Last Briefing was March 20, 2025

March Madness

Men's Bracket Down to 32 Teams

Status of the Women's Tournament

What's the weather outlook?

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

What's Up ThisWeek?

[House Calendar for Week Four](#)

[Florida Senate Calendar for Week Four](#)

Who's Day is it this Week?

Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Dental Association, League of Cities Day, Israel Day, Florida Trucking Day, Dental Hygienist Day, and Workforce Day.

Initial Budget Recommendations Will Be Revealed This Week!

Throughout the week – House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees will meet and begin to reveal the initial budget recommendations for possible inclusion in the FY25-26 General Appropriations Bill. The process will be the initial step as leaders of Senate and House panels release initial recommendations for their areas of the budget. Those recommendations will be

folded into overall Senate and House budget proposals. This year the Senate will oversee the final appropriations bill.

MAJOR BILLS UP THIS WEEK

MONDAY

At 1:30pm - Senate Pre-K Approps will take up SB 1470 – School Safety

[Staff Analysis for SB 1470](#)

At 4:00pm - House Commerce Committee will take up House Version of Rural Renaissance – HB 1427

[Staff Analysis of SB 110 - Rural Renaissance - HB 1427 is almost identical](#)

TUESDAY

At 11:00am – Senate Community Affairs will consider SB 1664 restricting Local Option Sales Taxes

[Staff Analysis for HB 1221 the Companion Bill of SB 1664](#)

These bills will impose additional referendum requirements.

WEDNESDAY

At 1:00pm the Senate PreK-12 Approps Subcommittee will take up SB 508 dealing with the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program

[Staff Analysis for SB 508](#)

Legislator Contacts

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

<https://flsenate.gov/Senators>

Major Issues Being Tracked

Rural Renaissance – [Senate Bill 110](#) and [HB 1427](#) – [Staff Analysis of SB 110](#)

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

Property Tax Issues – [Property Tax Overview](#) - [Property Tax Bills 2025](#)

Affordable Housing – [HB 247](#) and [SB 184](#) - [Staff Analysis of SB 184](#)

Sovereign Immunity – [HB 301](#) and [SB 1570](#) – [Analysis of Sovereign Immunity Legislation](#)

Regional Planning Councils – [HB 1125](#) and [SB 1264](#)

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

Private Provider Inspection Services – [HB 695](#) and [SB 1474](#)

Affordable Housing – [SB 1730](#) and [HB 943](#)

Agriculture – [SB 700](#) and [HB 651](#)

School Start Time - [SB 296](#) and [HB 261](#)
Elected Superintendents and Elimination of At Large Seats -[SJR 1454](#) and [HJR 1263](#)
Efficiency in Public Schools -[SB 166](#) - No House Companion
Hazardous Walking Conditions -[SB 650](#) and [HB 85](#) [HB 85](#)
School Safety -[SB 1470](#) and [HB 1403](#)
Family Empowerment -[SB 508](#) and [HB 423](#)
Private School Student Participation In Sports -[SB 248](#) and [HB 151](#)
Administrative Efficiency in Public Schools -[SB 166](#) -[Staff Analysis of SB 166](#)
Hazardous Walking Conditions - [CS/HB 85](#) and [SB 650](#) -[Staff Analysis of HB 85](#)
Charter School Conversion - Limitations on Surplus Land and Land Purchase
-[CS/HB 123](#) and [SB 140](#) - [Staff Analysis of CS/HB 123](#)
Diabetes Management in Schools - [CS/HB 597](#) and [SB 772](#) -[Staff Analysis of HB 597](#)

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

— Legislature:

- SCHOOL SAFETY - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Pre-K-12 Education Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1470), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would make changes related to school safety programs. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- DRIVER REQUIREMENTS - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SB 994), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that would change requirements related to driver-license and driver-education courses. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CHILD NEGLECT - Monday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will consider a bill (SB 1286), filed by Chairwoman Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would revise laws related to harming or neglecting children. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Monday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Higher Education Appropriations Committee will hold confirmation hearings for trustees from Pasco-Hernando State College, South Florida State College, Valencia College, Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, Florida International University, New College of Florida, the University of Florida and the University of North Florida. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RURAL RENAISSANCE HOUSE COMPANION - Monday, 4 p.m. - The House Commerce Committee will take up a bill (HB 1427), filed by Rep. Griff Griffiths, R-Panama City Beach, and Rep. Shane Abbott, R-DeFuniak Springs, aimed at bolstering education, health care and economic development in rural areas, a priority of Senate President Ben Albritton, R-Wauchula. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- NURSE ANESTHETISTS - Monday, 4 p.m. - The House Health & Human Services Committee will take up a proposal (HB 649), filed by Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape

Coral, that would expand the authority of certified registered nurse anesthetists. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Monday, 1:30 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SEMINOLE STATE TRUSTEES - Monday, 2 p.m. - The Seminole State College of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - Seminole State College of Florida, Sanford/Lake Mary Campus, 100 Weldon Blvd., Sanford.
- RECREATIONAL - Monday, 5 p.m. - The South Florida Water Management District will hold a forum about recreational issues in the district. - South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Cj0IUAkxRo-i9ee-GCEs3A#/registration

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

— Legislature:

- ‘HUMAN’ INSURANCE REVIEWS - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will take up a bill (SB 794), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would require “human reviews” of decisions to deny insurance claims and prevent such things as artificial intelligence being the basis for denials. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- DEFAMATION PROPOSAL - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will consider a proposal (SB 752), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would revise defamation laws to address situations when media outlets do not remove defamatory statements from the internet. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CYBERSECURITY LIABILITY - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1183), filed by Rep. Mike Giallombardo, R-Cape Coral, that would help shield cities, counties and other government agencies from liability for cybersecurity incidents. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT BUDGET - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee is expected to receive budget recommendations from Chairwoman Tiffany Esposito, R-Fort Myers. - 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- MINIMUM WAGE - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Careers & Workforce Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 541), filed by Rep. Ryan Chamberlin, R-Belleview, that would provide an exemption to the state minimum wage for workers in arrangements such as internships and apprenticeships. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- I-4 WIDENING - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The House Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee will consider a wide-ranging transportation proposal (HB 567), filed by Rep. Fiona McFarland, R-Sarasota, that includes requiring an analysis of widening Interstate 4 between U.S. 27 in Polk County and Interstate 75 in Hillsborough County. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PRISON INMATES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - Sen. Rosalind Osgood, D-Tamarac, and Rep. Dianne Hart, D-Tampa, will hold a news conference to discuss legislation about the treatment of prison inmates. - Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- ‘ULTRA-PROCESSED’ FOOD - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Agriculture Committee will take up a bill (SB 1826), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would prevent schools from selling “ultra-processed” food. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- FLAG RESTRICTIONS - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (SB 100), filed by Sen. Randy Fine, R-Brevard County, that would restrict the types of flags that can be displayed at government buildings and schools, including preventing flags that represent a “political viewpoint, including, but not limited to, a politically partisan, racial, sexual orientation and gender or political ideology viewpoint.” - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PARENTAL RIGHTS - Tuesday, 11 a.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will take up a bill (SB 1288), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would expand parental rights, including on health care-related issues. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- OIL DRILLING - Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee and the House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee will consider proposals (SB 1300 and HB 1143), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, Rep. Jason Shoaf, R-Port St. Joe, and Rep. Allison Tant, D-Tallahassee, that would set new standards for state approval of oil and gas drilling projects. - Senate meeting at 11 a.m. at 110 Senate Office Building. House meeting at 3:30 p.m. at 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ELECTION LAW CENTER - Tuesday, noon. - The House Government Operations Subcommittee will take up a bill (HB 1055), filed by Rep. Jon Albert, R-Frostproof, that would create the Florida State University Election Law Center at the university’s law school. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSING - Tuesday, noon. - The House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee will consider a wide-ranging proposal (HB 943), filed by Rep. Vicki Lopez, R-Miami, that seeks to boost affordable-housing development. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol
- NEW JUDGESHIPS - Tuesday, noon. - The House Justice Budget Subcommittee will take up a bill (PCB JUB 25-01) that would add 17 circuit-court judgeships and 12 county-court judgeships. - 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- VIDEO CAMERAS IN CLASSROOMS - Tuesday, noon. - The House Student Academic Success Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 257), filed by Rep. Kevin Chambliss, D-Homestead, and Rep. Chase Tramont, R-Port Orange, that would require video cameras in public-school classrooms. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- EXECUTION METHOD - Tuesday, 1:30 pm.. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will take up a bill (SB 1604), filed by Sen. Jonathan Martin, R-Fort Myers, that would allow Florida to use a method of execution “not deemed unconstitutional” if it cannot acquire chemicals needed for lethal injection. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- UNION REQUIREMENTS - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will take up a bill (SB 1328), filed by Chairman Randy Fine, R-Brevard County, that would place additional requirements on public-employee unions. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- OUT-OF-NETWORK CARE - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 1842), filed by Chairwoman Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, that would require health-care providers to notify patients when they are referred for out-of-network care. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- VETERANS - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1280), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that addresses a series of issues involving veterans and military members, including reducing or providing exemptions from certain state fees. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- MENTAL, MATERNAL HEALTH - Tuesday, 3 p.m.p - Sen. Rosalind Osgood, D-Tamarac, will hold a news conference with members of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority to discuss mental-health issues and funding for Black maternal health programs. - Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- HIGHER ED BUDGET - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The House Higher Education Budget Subcommittee will receive budget recommendations from Chairwoman Demi Busatta, R-Coral Gables. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOLS BUDGET - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The House PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee will receive budget recommendations from Chairwoman Jenna Persons-Mulicka, R-Fort Myers. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- DCF SECRETARY - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will hold a confirmation hearing for Taylor Hatch, who was named last month by Gov. Ron DeSantis to serve as secretary of the Department of Children and Families. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- BEACH ACCESS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (SB 1622), filed by Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that would repeal a

controversial 2018 law that targeted what is known as “customary use” of beaches. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- CONDO LAWS - Tuesday, 4 a.m. - The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1742), filed by Chairwoman Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would revise condominium laws, as many condo owners and associations grapple with rising costs. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- TRANSPORTATION - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a bill (SB 1662), filed by Chairman Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that deals with a wide range of transportation issues, including creating the Florida Transportation Research Institute. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS - Tuesday, 4 p.m. - The House Human Services Subcommittee will consider a proposal (HB 511), filed by Rep. Robin Bartleman, D-Weston, and Rep. Patt Maney, R-Shalimar, that would take steps to prevent mistaken allegations of child abuse when injuries are caused by medical conditions. - 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Tuesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- VIRTUAL SCHOOL - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Virtual School Board of Trustees will meet. - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSp-oyR-9hroocmIumUXCg>
- 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.
- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. - St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs Campus, 600 East Klosterman Road, Tarpon Springs.
- DIVERSION PROGRAM - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss the tax collection enforcement diversion program. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- MONTHLY ESTIMATES - Tuesday, 1:45 p.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss monthly revenue estimates. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL UNVEILED - Tuesday, 2 p.m. - The Department of Management Services will hold an event to unveil a Florida Holocaust Memorial. - Memorial Park, Monroe Street and Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

— Legislature:

- MEDICAL MALPRACTICE DAMAGES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will consider a bill (SB 734), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that, in part, would allow parents of adult children to pursue pain and suffering damages

in wrongful-death lawsuits that allege medical malpractice. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.

- VOTING RIGHTS - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - Sen. Tracie Davis, D-Jacksonville, and Rep. LaVon Bracy Davis, D-Ocoee, will hold a news conference to discuss legislation known as the Harry T. and Harriett V. Moore Florida Voting Rights Act. - House Office Building plaza, the Capitol.
- NURSING HOME QUALITY - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 170), filed by Sen. Colleen Burton, R-Lakeland, that would address a series of issues about nursing-home quality, including consumer satisfaction surveys. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SCHOOL FUNDING CHANGES - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Pre-K-12 Education Appropriations Committee will take up a bill (SPB 7030) that would make funding changes for public schools and voucher programs, including trying to address concerns about funding as students move between schools. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- DRIVERS ON CELL PHONES - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1318), filed by Sen. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that would prevent motorists from using hand-held cell phones while driving. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GUN AGE, MED MAL - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The House will hold a floor session and is expected to take up a bill (HB 759), filed by Rep. Michelle Salzman, R-Pensacola, and Majority Leader Tyler Sirois, R-Merritt Island, that would lower the minimum age to purchase rifles and other long guns from 21 to 18. Also, the House is slated to consider a bill (HB 6017), sponsored by Rep. Dana Trabulsy, R-Fort Pierce, and Rep. Johanna Lopez, D-Orlando, that would change a decades-old law and clear the way for more medical-malpractice lawsuits over patient deaths. - House chamber, the Capitol.
- 'FLORIDA FARM BILL' - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture, Environment and General Government Appropriations 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." - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CORRECTIONS, COURTS BUDGETS - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will discuss budget issues for numerous agencies, including the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice and state courts. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Higher Education Appropriations Committee will hold confirmation hearings for trustees at Florida A&M University, the University of Central Florida, Florida State University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida International University, the University of North Florida and the University of West Florida. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- HIGHWAY SAFETY AGENCY - Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Finance and Tax Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1290), filed by Sen. Jay Collins, R-Tampa, that would make changes related to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Wednesday, 15 minutes after Senate committee meetings. - 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.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Care Budget Subcommittee (8 a.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee (8 a.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Education & Employment Committee (11:30 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Judiciary Committee (11:30 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Affairs Committee (11:30 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- FSU TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 8 a.m. - The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. - Information at <https://trustees.fsu.edu/meetings>
- UNIVERSITY SYSTEM - Wednesday, 8:45 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of committee meetings before a 2 p.m. full board meeting. - Florida A&M University, H. Manning Efferson Student Union Building, 1628 South Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., 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
- MEDICAID MONEY - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Social Services Estimating Conference will discuss county contributions to Medicaid. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- CITRUS ISSUES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. - Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow. Call-in number: 904-539-9759. Code: 646466423
- 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

- ‘CAT FUND’ - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. - The Hermitage Centre, 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-872-242-7651. Code: 817162576
- PORT - Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. - The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council will meet. - Hotel Indigo Collegetown Tallahassee, 823 West Gaines St., Tallahassee.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. - The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - College of Central Florida, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.
- WATER RATES - Wednesday, 3 pm.. - The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an online hearing about a proposed rate restructuring for North Florida Community Water Systems, Inc., which has customers in Alachua, Duval, Leon, Okaloosa and Washington counties. - <https://www.floridapsc.com/>

THURSDAY MARCH 27, 2025

— Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee (8 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Budget Committee (12:30 p.m., 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Ways & Means Committee (12:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Appropriations Committee (1 p.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)
- Senate Fiscal Policy Committee (1 p.m., 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- House Education Administration Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House State Administration Budget Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.)
- House Rules & Ethics Committee (7 p.m., 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.)

— Also:

- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY - Thursday will be STEM Day at the Florida Capitol, as groups tout science, technology, engineering and math.
- APALACHEE COUNCIL - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Apalachee Regional Planning Council is scheduled to meet. - Apalachee Regional Planning Council, 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 100, Tallahassee.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. - The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 477800085

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Senate is scheduled to hold a floor session. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.

Also:

- HOUSING - Friday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - AC Hotel by Marriott Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee.
- UF TRUSTEES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The University of Florida Board of Trustees will meet. - University of Florida, Emerson Alumni Hall, Gainesville.
- ‘IMPACT’ CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will hold an “impact” conference, which involves estimating potential costs of legislation. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- JOBLESS REPORT RELEASED - Friday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Commerce will release a February unemployment report.
- FIU TRUSTEES - Friday, 11 a.m. - The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet. - Information at <https://calendar.fiu.edu/event/bot-meeting-20250328>
- SELF-INSURERS PANEL - Friday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association Board of Directors is scheduled to meet. - Florida Self-Insurers Guaranty Association, 1427 East Piedmont Dr., Tallahassee.

Statewide Headlines

[FlaPol: ‘We’ll see’: Casey DeSantis punts when asked if she’s running for Governor](#)

[FlaPol: House eyes 4 projects to potentially override Gov. DeSantis’ vetoes](#)

[PNJ: Florida House votes in favor of lowering firearm purchase age to 18](#)

[WUSF: New College and USF Sarasota-Manatee merger talks are underway, reports say](#)

[Bradenton Herald: Running The Ringling costs millions and employs hundreds. Can New College handle it?](#)

WLRN: Floridians are applying for funds to elevate their flood-risk homes at state-run info sessions

Sun-Sentinel: To kill an iguana: Is it really legal to just walk around and shoot them?

Herald: Spring break rules keep Miami Beach crowds small and calm as second peak weekend begins

FlaPol: Ron DeSantis wonders why ‘young people’ aren’t doing immigrants’ jobs

FlaPol: Bill lowering gun-buying age on target to reach House floor over objections of Parkland families

FlaPol: Department of Labor report shows jobless claims in Florida drop after brief increase

Sun-Sentinel: Florida DOGE wants cities to ‘voluntarily’ report their own fiscal problems

FlaPol: House panel advances proposal expanding Florida watchdog powers to apply to local governments

FlaPol: Schools could decide own start times again as bill moves through Senate

Democrat: Florida sheriff fights oil drilling near Apalachicola River

Herald: Fire alert issued — third this week — for South Florida as huge brush fire grows: NWS

FlaPol: Cursive writing bill penciled in for House floor after unanimous committee vote

FlaPol: Workforce training bill to help students with autism ready for Senate floor

FlaPol: ‘A true champion’: Ben Albritton honored for rural advocacy

About the Briefing

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