



**The session was scheduled to end on May 2. It will not!
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The Briefing for Wednesday- April 25, 2025

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***Legislative Session - Seven Days Remain After Today
Everything up in air***

What's the weather outlook?

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

The Calendar!

[The House Calendar](#)

[The Senate Calendar](#)

The Legislature is headed to overtime

Budget Process Stalls Over Revenue – and Size of Tax Cut!

Legislative leaders have failed to forge a deal on spending and significant tax cuts. Property tax cuts, sales tax cuts, spending for schools and health care programs all remain in limbo for next year as legislative budget negotiators are still at odds.

State Senate President Ben Albritton informed senators Thursday afternoon that the House and Senate remain at odds over the size and scope of tax cuts, which would dictate how much money would be available for a new state budget.

Senate President Albritton's statement to the Senate:

- *"It's clear at this point those timelines have come and gone"*
- *"We have not yet reached an agreement on Allocations with the House. The biggest hurdle at this time is related to tax relief, both the number and the policy."*
- *"At the end of the day, I'm just not comfortable with a proposal that I believe will likely lead to shortfalls, if not substantial shortfalls, in the out year."*

- "I hope to have further updates for you early next week."

Tax Plans Differ

- The House's tax cut plan is centered on a reduction in the sales tax, from 6% to 5.25%, and would cut about \$5.5 billion in taxes, with about \$5 billion being state revenues and the rest coming from local governments.
- The Senate position - \$1.3 billion in permanent tax cuts and another \$1.5 billion in one-time cuts for the coming year.

The Budget

The budget passed by the House is less than \$113 billion. That's about \$4.4 billion less than the Senate's spending plan and \$5.6 billion less than the current budget.

Today Major Bills Up in the House

HB 1221 and HB7033 will have significant negative impacts on Local Programs and funding.

- HB 1221 transfers all TDC revenues to County Commission but requires a commensurate reduction of your Ad Valorem funding. Keeping the TDT funds separate is very important. [Staff Analysis of HB 1221](#)
- HB 7030 is the House Tax package - [Staff Analysis of House Tax Package - HB 7033](#). The bill Impacts Sales Tax Revenues; Transfers Tourist Development Taxes to County Commission; Requires reduction of Ad Valorem equivalent to TDT revenue; and, Repeals the Opt Out Provision in the Live Local Law

On The Docket

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

— Legislature:

- HOUSE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Friday, 10 a.m. - The House is scheduled to hold a floor session. - House chamber, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Friday, 15 minutes after the Senate floor session. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which lists bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. Location; 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- RULES COMMITTEE - Friday, 15 minutes after the House floor session. - The House Rules & Ethics Committee will meet. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

— Also:

- ETHICS PANEL - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. - 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.
- '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.
- NURSING HOMES - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet. - Holiday Inn Tampa Airport Westshore: 700 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.
- TREASURE COAST COUNCIL - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. - Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart. Call-in number: 1-646-749-3122. Code: 268592461

Headlines Around The State

[News4JAX: DeSantis: Report that says \\$10M donation to Hope Florida came from Medicaid settlement was 'fabricated'](#)

[Sentinel: Florida had a \\$67 million settlement, then moved to help Hope Florida](#)

[WLRN: Florida's air is still considered unhealthy, although a report says it hasn't worsened](#)

[WUSF: The drought worsens in Florida. Here are the year-to-date rain totals and tips to conserve water](#)

[WUSF: Floridians share the impacts of the state's condo crisis](#)

[Yahoo News: Accreditation agency requests FAMU report after 'unsolicited information' raises questions](#)

[Democrat: FAMU president search draws fire: Leon Commissioner Bill Proctor flags weak finalist pick](#)

[Today: Citing parental rights, Brevard's school board won't renew contract of Satellite High teacher](#)

[TCPalm: DeSantis awards \\$4 million to Indian River State College at Fort Pierce news conference](#)

[WUSF: Art lovers and USF alumni forge coalition in Sarasota against high-stakes land grab by New College](#)

[Times: \\$1M to tackle health inequity in St. Petersburg. Can it make a difference?](#)

[Herald: The law that helped Miami schools make millions off bus camera tickets may change](#)

[FlaPol: Report: Winter Haven, Tampa and West Palm Beach at 'high risk' for fall in housing prices](#)

[Times: 'Sabotage': DeSantis team blasts texts across state criticizing Republicans](#)

[Politico: David Jolly registers as a Democrat, making moves toward Florida governor bid](#)

[Times: Florida pushed anti-abortion nonprofit to run ads against Amendment 4](#)

[FlaPol: Lawmakers are preparing for extra innings this Session, so what does that look like?](#)

[Democrat: Property tax cuts stall as Florida session nears deadline](#)

[Democrat: 'Enough is enough': Florida State University students protest gun laws after shooting](#)

[WUSF: Florida House breaks up Senate president's 'rural renaissance' plan, mixes ideas into several bills](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: DeSantis questions Broward's massive budget increases. 'What are they doing with that money?'](#)

[The Capitolist: House Passes Bill Requiring E-Verify for All Private Employers](#)

[FlaPol: House passes bill to expand E-Verify during emotional debate on immigration](#)

[Floridian: House Greenlights E-Verify Expansion Despite Senate Silence](#)

[Herald: Florida House approves condo bill. Can a deal be reached with the Senate?](#)

[Herald Tribune: Panel rejects Sarasota Sen. Joe Gruters' pitch to allow some development at state parks](#)

[FlaPol: Hemp entrepreneurs object as regulation of THC products moves to full House](#)

[WUSF: Florida House passes plan to help ease financial strain on condominium owners](#)

[The Capitolist: House Approves Condominium Safety Legislation](#)

[FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis announces higher ed investments in manufacturing, aircraft mechanic training](#)

[FlaPol: Field set for Special Election to fill Geraldine Thompson's Senate seat](#)

[FlaPol: Senate approves measure to restrict oil drilling and exploration near sensitive coastlines](#)

[WLRN: Florida Senate passes Apalachicola oil drilling bill, sends it back to House](#)

[FlaPol: Senate OKs bill changing legal aid funding formula](#)

[News4JAX: House passes bill to propose dog registry, liability insurance for owners following attack on Putnam mail carrier](#)

[FlaPol: House passes Pam Rock Act muzzling dangerous dogs](#)

[FlaPol: House passes bill making 'In God We Trust' visible in schools](#)

[FlaPol: Clear! House passes bill to help save students from cardiac arrests](#)

[Sentinel: Higher speed limits dropped: Senate backs away from Florida proposal](#)

[FlaPol: Senate shoots down bill that might have gutted rural boundaries in some counties](#)

[The Capitolist: Senate Passes Bill Requiring Vaccine Labels on Food, Banning Edible mRNA](#)

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