

The Briefing – Saturday -January 24, 2026

The Last Briefing – Saturday – January 17, 2026

What's the weather outlook?

The Weather in Tallahassee will be very cold – lows in upper 20's – high's 50ish!

If your coming to Tallahassee check the extended forecast!

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

NFL Championship Games Sunday

New England Patriots vs Denver Broncos – 3:00pm – CBS

Los Angeles Rams vs Seattle Seahawks – 6:30pm – FOX

County Commissioners Converged on Tallahassee to meet with Legislators!

The Small County Coalition met with Senator Albritton in the Senate Chamber. Coalition Chair Chris Dougherty presented President Albritton with a Leadership Award for his continued support for Small Counties. During the visit – Albritton commented on Tax Reform; Sovereign Immunity; Term Limits; and Payment in Lieu of Taxes.

8th Annual Rural County Days a huge success!

Hundreds gathered at the Florida State Capitol on Thursday to celebrate the 8th annual Rural Counties Day. The event hosted 29 rural communities across the Sunshine State, showcasing their unique cultures and promoting their various industries. The Senate sent its “Rural Renaissance” bill to the House last week. If it passes through the House, it will allocate a \$217.9 million package to bolster education, commerce and healthcare in rural counties.

DOT Five Year Tentative Work Program submitted to Governor and Legislative Leaders

[FY 2026/27 through 2030/31 Tentative Work Plan Summary](#)

[Full Report on Tentative Work Plan Submitted for FY 26/26 through 30/31](#)

The Florida Transportation Commission (Commission) has submitted the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Tentative Work Program for FY 2026/27 through FY 2030/31 to the Governor and Legislature. The Tentative Work Program, represents FDOT's five-year plan of transportation projects.

Senate Education K-12 committee to Consider SB1646 – Ed Facilities

[Bill Text for SB 1646 - Ed Facilities](#)

Senate Bill 1646 has been filed relating to the Special Facilities Construction Program and its first committee meeting will be Tuesday at 3:30pm in the Senate. The bill filed by Senator Simon is intended to strengthen the review processes and increase oversight of projects funded through the Special Facility Construction Account Program.

Education Officials Headed to the Capitol Next Week

Elected Officials from Florida’s school districts will be in Tallahassee next Wednesday and Thursday to participate in the Florida School Board Associations Legislative Days. The week will include briefings and meetings with legislative officials

The Small School District Council Consortium will hold a briefing with officials from Small Districts to give attendees a jump start on issues prior to the FSBA meeting.



Small School District Council Consortium - Legislative Briefing
Wednesday, January 28
9:45am-11:15am -The Hayward House – 228 Adams Street
[SSDCC Legislative Agenda Briefing - 2026 .docx](#)

FSBA Legislative Days
Wednesday – Jan. 28 and Thursday – Jan. 29
[Tentative Agenda](#)

Here is the Calendar For Week Three
 Florida House - [Daily Calendar](#)
 Florida Senate Calendar for [Jan. 26-30](#)

[LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATION BILLS ACTED ON IN WEEK TWO REPORT .docx](#)

Bills Relating to Local Government and Schools Acted On During Week Two
 Ordered by Bill Number

HB 0103	Local Business Taxes by Botana
HB 0105	Local Government Enforcement Actions by Brackett
HB 0125	Charlie Kirk Day of Remembrance by Benarroch
HB 0127	Required Instruction in Cursive Writing by Overdorf
SB 0178	Athletics in Public K-12 Schools by Jones
HB 0203	Phased Out Elimination of Non-school Property for Homesteads by Miller
HB 0213	Modification of Limitations on Property Assessment Increases by Griffitts Jr.
SB 0320	Administrative Efficiency in Public Schools by Simon
HB 0409	Observance of Veterans' Day by K-12 Schools by Giallombardo
HB 0433	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by Alvarez, D.
HB 0437	Public Records by Andrade
HB 0453	Requirements for a Standard High School Diploma by Gossett-Seidman
SB 0464	Observance of Veterans' Day by K-12 Schools by Ávila
SB 0484	Data Centers by Ávila
SB 0538	Extracurricular Activities by Simon

<u>SB 0540</u>	Office of Financial Regulation by Martin
<u>HB 0543</u>	Transportation by McFarland
<u>SB 0548</u>	Growth Management by McClain
<u>SB 0590</u>	Statute of Limitations Period for Violations Involving Required Reports Concerning Children by Bradley
<u>HB 0603</u>	Ethics for Public Employees by López
<u>HB 0635</u>	Cybersecurity Standards and Liability by Giallombardo
<u>SB 0686</u>	Agricultural Enclaves by McClain
<u>HB 0731</u>	Interscholastic or Intrасcholastic Extracurricular Activities by Abbott
<u>SB 0752</u>	Taxation of First-time Buyers by DiCeglie
<u>HB 0803</u>	Building Permits and Inspections by Trabulsy
<u>SB 0830</u>	Public Records/County Administrators and City Managers by Leek
<u>SB 0840</u>	Land Use Regulations for Local Governments Affected by Natural Disasters by DiCeglie
<u>SB 0920</u>	Mathematics Education by Gaetz
<u>HB 0967</u>	Electronic Payments Made to Units of Local Governments by Buchanan
<u>HB 1009</u>	Governmental Agency Publication of Advertisements and Public Notices by Griffitts Jr.
<u>SB 1036</u>	School Counselors by Calatayud
<u>HB 1049</u>	Building Permit Requirements by Esposito
<u>HB 1071</u>	Education by Trabulsy
<u>HB 1119</u>	Materials Harmful to Minors by Bankson
<u>SB 1136</u>	Dental Screenings for K-12 Students by Calatayud
<u>SB 1138</u>	Qualified Contractors by Massullo, Jr.
<u>SB 1216</u>	Public School Personnel Compensation by Rodriguez
<u>SB 1230</u>	Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances by Harrell

Here are some links that will assist you in monitoring the session.

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

<https://www.flsenate.gov/>

[The Florida Channel To Watch Proceedings](#)

[House Directory](#)

[Senate Directory](#)

Legislative Priorities

 [The Small County Coalition - 2026 Legislative Program -January .docx](#)

 [SSDCC 2026 Legislative Program - December 2025.docx](#)

The following Reports provide a comprehensive analysis of Florida Ad Valorem structure

- **FAC PROPERTY TAX REPORT** - <https://www.fl-counties.com/report-property-taxes/>
- **FLORIDA TAXWATCH REPORT** - [How-Florida-Counties-Compare-2025.pdf](#) –
- **Fla. League of Cities –Fiscal Structure & Rev. Resilience of Florida Municipalities**

ON THE DOCKET THIS WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

Legislature:

- **DEMOCRATS HOLD MEDIA AVAILABILITY** - Monday, 10 a.m. - House Minority Leader Fentrice Driskell, D-Tampa, and Rep. Kelly Skidmore, D-Boca Raton, will hold a media availability. - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82768975110#success>
- **RESTORATION OF RIGHTS** - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Criminal Justice Committee will take up a bill (SB 132), filed by Sen. Tina Polsky, D-Boca Raton, that would require the Florida Commission on Offender Review to develop a database with information that could help felons determine if they have met requirements to get voting-rights restored. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM** - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee will consider a proposal (SB 308), filed by Sen. Tom Leek, R-Ormond Beach, that would move forward with creating a Florida Museum of Black History in St. Johns County. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- **VACCINES** - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Health Policy Committee will take up a bill (SB 1756), filed by Sen. Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, that would place requirements on health-care providers to provide information about risks, benefits and safety before administering vaccines to children. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **VETERANS HOUSING** - Monday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Military and Veterans Affairs, Space and Domestic Security Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1602), filed by Chairman Tom Wright, R-New Smyrna Beach, that would create a pilot program to try to help address homelessness of veterans. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- **FAU TRUSTEES** - Monday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. - <https://www.fau.edu/bot/>
- **SOUTH FLORIDA ISSUES** - Monday, 10:30 a.m. - The South Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. - South Florida Regional Planning Council, 1 Oakwood Blvd., Suite 250, Hollywood. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81682307619?pswd=kxM9PQgX6jP1h9vxbTnvfa3WfyGvoW.1>. Meeting ID: 81682307619. Code: 847324
- **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** - Monday, 1 p.m. - The Statewide Council on Human Trafficking will meet. - Meeting will be streamed on The Florida Channel.
- **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.
- **POLK STATE TRUSTEES** - Monday, 4 p.m. - The Polk State College Board of Trustees will meet. - Polk State College, JD Alexander Center, 152 East Central Ave., Lake Wales.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

Legislature:

- **PHOSPHATE LEGAL PROTECTION** - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Rules Committee will take up a bill (HB 167) that would help shield owners of former phosphate mines from lawsuits over alleged pollution. The House passed the bill on Jan. 15. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- **'HARMFUL' SCHOOL MATERIALS** - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The House Education & Employment Committee will consider a proposal (HB 1119), filed by Rep. Doug Bankson, R-Apopka, that would add a

definition of school materials that are “harmful to minors” and revise reasons that books and other materials could be challenged. - Reed Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.

- SCHOOL SAFETY - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The House Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (HB 757), filed by Rep. Michelle Salzman, R-Pensacola, that would make a series of changes related to school safety, including allowing armed school guardians at colleges and universities. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- JUDEA AND SAMARIA NAMES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. - The House State Affairs Committee will consider a proposal (HB 31), filed by Rep. Chase Tramont, R-Port Orange, and Rep. Debra Tendrich, D-Lake Worth, that seeks to require government materials to use the names Judea and Samaria instead of West Bank. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- INSURER AFFILIATES - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. - The House Commerce Committee will take up a bill (HB 1399), filed by Rep. Kim Berfield, R-Clearwater, that would place a series of requirements on property insurers to disclose information about financial relationships with affiliated companies. - 212 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PARENTAL RIGHTS - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. - The House Health & Human Services Committee will consider a proposal (HB 173), filed by Rep. Kim Kendall, R-St. Augustine, that would make changes about parental rights in health care and education. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Children, Families and Elder Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 1016), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that seeks to allow certain working people with disabilities to maintain eligibility for Medicaid services. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- PRIVATE ATTORNEY MEETINGS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Judiciary Committee will take up a bill (SB 332), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would create a public-meetings law exemption for government boards to meet in private with their attorneys to discuss what are known as Bert Harris Act property-rights claims. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- WATER SAFETY - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Regulated Industries Committee will consider a proposal (SB 658), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would require landlords of residential rental properties to install safety measures if the properties are near swimming pools or water bodies. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- UNDOCUMENTED TRUCK DRIVERS - Tuesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Transportation Committee will take up a bill (SB 86), filed by Sen. Don Gaetz, R-Niceville, that would require law-enforcement officers to take into custody truck drivers who are determined to be undocumented immigrants and help transfer them to federal immigration officials. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- IMMIGRANT ISSUES - Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. - Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith, D-Orlando, Rep. Angie Nixon, D-Jacksonville, and Rep. Dotie Joseph, D-North Miami, will take part in a Florida Immigrant Coalition news conference. - Fourth floor, the Capitol.
- DRUG PRICES - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Budget Committee will consider a bill (HB 697), filed by Rep. Jennifer Kincart Jonsson, R-Lakeland, that would make a series of changes aimed at lowering prescription drug prices. - Morris Hall, House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ‘SAVE OUR HOMES’ CHANGES - Tuesday, 3 p.m. - The House Ways & Means Committee will take up a proposed constitutional amendment (HJR 213), filed by Rep. Griff Griffiths, R-Panama City Beach, that would limit increases in taxable values for homesteaded property under the “Save Our Homes” cap to 3 percent over three years. Currently, under the cap, taxable values can increase 3 percent a year. - 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- ‘RIGHT TO REPAIR’ BILL - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Agriculture Committee will consider a proposal (SB 806), filed by Sen. Keith Truenow, R-Tavares, that would require manufacturers of portable wireless devices and agricultural equipment to make information available to owners and repair shops about how to fix the devices and equipment. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- LEGAL NOTICES - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Community Affairs Committee will take up a bill (SB 380), filed by Sen. Jay Trumbull, R-Panama City, that will make changes in laws about publishing government legal notices. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- COLLINS APPOINTMENT - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Education Pre-K-12 Committee will hold a confirmation hearing for State Board of Education member Layla Collins, whose husband is Lt. Gov. Jay Collins. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- NET-ZERO POLICIES - Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. - The Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee will consider a proposal (SB 1628), filed by Sen. Bryan Avila, R-Miami Springs, that would prevent local governments from adopting net-zero policies about carbon emissions. Location; 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Tuesday, 15 minutes after the end of Senate committee meetings. - The Senate Special Order Calendar Group, which set a special-order calendar that will list bills to be heard on the Senate floor. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

Also:

- ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - The state Elections Canvassing Commission will certify the results of a Jan. 13 special primary election in Palm Beach County's House District 87. Republican Jon Maples and Democrat Emily Gregory won the primaries. - R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee.
- 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.
- 'FISCALLY CONSTRAINED' COUNTIES - Tuesday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to rural "fiscally constrained" counties. - 117 Knott Building, the Capitol
- 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, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

Legislature:

- ALZHEIMER'S AWARENESS - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee will take up a proposal (SB 578), filed by Sen. Corey Simon, R-Tallahassee, that would require the Department of Elder Affairs to contract for the development of an Alzheimer's disease awareness initiative. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- 'CRYPTO ATM' SCAMS - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The Senate Banking and Insurance Committee will consider a bill (SB 198), filed by Sen. Darryl Rouson, D-St. Petersburg, that would place regulations on virtual currency kiosks, which are sometimes used in scams against seniors. - 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- HOUSING TAX CREDITS - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee will take up a proposal (SB 1672), filed by Sen. Stan McClain, R-Ocala, that would offer tax credits to employers that help homebuyers with down payments or closing costs. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GENETIC COUNSELING - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The Senate Education Postsecondary Committee will consider a bill (SB 1376), filed by Sen. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that would establish a grant program in the state university system for genetic counseling education. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- HIGHER ED TRUSTEES - Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. - The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee will hold confirmation hearings for trustees of seven universities and 10 state colleges. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- WASHINGTON, LINCOLN PORTRAITS - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Pre-K-12 Education Appropriations Committee take up a bill (SB 420), filed by Chairman Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, that

would require portraits of President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln to be displayed in kindergarten through fifth-grade classrooms and in social-studies classrooms. - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

- TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS - Wednesday, 1 p.m. - The Senate Transportation, Tourism and Economic Development Appropriations Committee will consider a proposal (SB 654), filed by Sen. Nick DiCeglie, R-Indian Rocks Beach, that would make a series of changes related to red-light cameras and speed-detection systems in school zones. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- WRONGFUL DEATH LAWSUITS - Wednesday, 3:45 p.m. - The Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee will consider a bill (SB 164), filed by Sen Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, that, in part, would allow parents to seek pain-and-suffering damages in lawsuits involving the wrongful death of an “unborn child.” - 37 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- DIABETES INSTITUTE - Wednesday, 3:45 p.m. - The Senate Higher Education Appropriations Committee will take up a proposal (SB 816), filed by Sen. Jennifer Bradley, R-Fleming Island, that would put the University of Florida Diabetes Institute in state law as a resource for diabetes research, prevention and treatment. - 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.
- GENERAL REVENUE - Wednesday, 3:45 p.m. - The Senate Finance and Tax Committee will discuss a general-revenue forecast and effects of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act. - 301 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Criminal Justice Subcommittee (8 a.m., 404 House Office Building).
- House Health Care Budget Subcommittee (8 a.m., 314 House Office Building).
- House Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee (8 a.m., 212 Knott Building).
- House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee (8 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building).
- House Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee (1 p.m., 314 House Office Building).
- House Careers & Workforce Subcommittee (1 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building).
- House Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee (1 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building).
- House Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee (1 p.m., 404 House Office Building).
- House Higher Education Budget Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building).
- House Human Services Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., 314 House Office Building).
- House Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building).
- House PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee (3:30 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building).

Also:

- 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 CASES - 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: 282335254
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday 1 p.m. - The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. - South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.
- DEMINGS APPEARS IN BREVARD - Wednesday, 7 p.m. - Gubernatorial candidate Jerry Demings is scheduled to appear at a meeting of the Brevard County Democratic Party. - Brevard County Commission chamber, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

Legislature:

- SENATE HOLDS FLOOR SESSION - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Senate will hold a floor session. - Senate chamber, the Capitol.

- SPECIAL ORDER SET - Thursday, 15 minutes after the floor session. - The Special Order Calendar Group will set a special-order calendar, which will list bills that will be heard on the Senate floor. - 401 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- House Civil Justice & Claims Subcommittee (8:30 a.m., 404 House Office Building).
- House Health Professions & Programs Subcommittee (8:30 a.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building).
- House Insurance & Banking Subcommittee (8:30 a.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building).
- House Rules & Ethics Committee (11:45 a.m., 404 House Office Building).
- House Education Administration Subcommittee (12:30 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building).
- House Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee (12:30 p.m., 404 House Office Building).
- House State Administration Budget Subcommittee (12:30 pm., Morris Hall, House Office Building).
- House Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee (12:30 p.m., 314 House Office Building).
- House Government Operations Subcommittee (3 p.m., 404 House Office Building).
- House Housing, Agriculture & Tourism Subcommittee (3 p.m., Morris Hall, House Office Building).
- House Justice Budget Subcommittee (3 p.m., 314 House Office Building).
- House Student Academic Success Subcommittee (3 p.m., Reed Hall, House Office Building).

— Also:

- DIAZ CONFIRMATION - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - The state university system's Board of Governors will hold a series of committee meetings, followed by a regular board meeting. It will consider confirmation of Manny Diaz Jr. as president of the University of West Florida. - Florida State University, Tallahassee.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. - The Florida Hotel, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- HUMAN RELATIONS PANEL - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. - Information at <https://fchr.myflorida.com/new-events/2026/1/29/fchr-commission-meeting>
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. - The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release opinions.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

- HOUSING ISSUES - Friday, 8 a.m. - The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. - AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee.
- 'IMPACT' CONFERENCE HELD - 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.
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL - Friday, 9 a.m. - The state Commission for Independent Education will meet. - The Florida Hotel, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Friday, 9 a.m. - The state Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. - Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 455851766

Headlines Around The State

[CBS Miami: House Speaker Danny Perez on DeSantis' State of the State snub, property taxes and the future of AI](#)

[FlaPol: Keith Gross accuses Evan Power of abusing Florida GOP resources to boost congressional bid](#)

[FlaPol: 'Florida's best choice': Grady Judd endorses Byron Donalds for Governor](#)

[Times: Florida mayors, businesses and anglers to Trump: We don't want offshore oil drilling](#)

[News-Press: What is Moms for Liberty? Original Florida branch of group shuts down](#)

[FlaPol: Lauren Melo traffic safety bill advances unanimously after emotional testimony](#)

[FlaPol: Legislative Days: A fruitful week for Citrus County](#)

[FlaPol: Bill to phase out homestead property taxes sent to House floor despite warnings of local impacts](#)

[Herald: Why did Florida's attorney general choose MLK Day to shoot down race-based laws?](#)

[FlaPol: Bill to provide security for Governor nominees and other Cabinet positions advances](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Florida Bar will not reprimand Matt Gaetz, for alleged sexual misbehavior](#)

[Daily News: SW Florida Conservancy's expert crew hauls in Burmese pythons by the ton](#)

[FlaPol: Senate passes SB 320, seeks to remove red tape at schools](#)

[FlaPol: House panel approves bill requiring cursive writing instruction in Florida schools](#)

[FlaPol: Statewide efforts bolster Florida's health care workforce](#)

[FlaPol: Rural Counties Day celebrates Florida's rural renaissance, honors Jason Shoaf](#)

[FlaPol: Blaise Ingoglia hammers Nassau County for overspending as local budget skyrockets](#)

[FlaPol: National Association of Counties announces promotions, new hires](#)

[FlaPol: Shaming Ron DeSantis? Rick Scott spotlights Florida's rising property insurance costs, stagnant job creation](#)

[FlaPol: Paul Renner wonders if Byron Donalds is 'really a Republican or a conservative'](#)

[Sun-Sentinel: Palm Beach County administrator wants answers about CFO's claims of overspending](#)

[Sentinel: Orange elementary school parents give go-ahead to become a charter](#)

[Bradenton Herald: 'Our responsibility.' Manatee superintendent ushers change after misconduct investigation](#)

[Herald: These six Broward schools are closing. Another was spared, thanks to a bear](#)

[FlaPol: Resolution supporting religious expression in public schools clears final House panel after pushback](#)

[News4JAX: Education commissioner slams Clay County School Board member for no-show at meeting to address controversial remarks](#)

[Times-Union: State education boss rips Clay board member's post on Black people](#)

[Wash. Post: Flamingo fans fight to unseat the mockingbird as Florida's state bird](#)

[News4JAX: CFO says Nassau County exceeded budget by \\$53M, marking the highest increase among 12 local governments](#)

[TCPalm: Florida Moms for Liberty chapter that started national movement ends](#)

[Post: Seaweed crisis: As sargassum piles up on Florida's beaches, so will the cost](#)

[Herald: Study: Florida reefs offer multi-million dollar flood protection — if they survive](#)

[The Capitolist: Senate Committee Unanimously Advances AI Bill of Rights Proposal](#)

[Floridian: Wilton Simpson Announces \\$6.3M Available Grant for State Forest Restoration](#)

[My News 13: Teachers union backs Florida Senate bill targeting teacher shortages](#)

[FlaPol: James Uthmeier issues opinion that municipalities can't force businesses to have shopping cart container plans](#)

[Today: South Brevard advocates host meeting on Schools of Hope fears](#)

[WUSF: This Florida teacher risked her career to help students. Now, there's a documentary on her influence](#)

[Democrat: Florida AG Uthmeier says he won't defend racial quota laws](#)

[News4JAX: 'Eliminating all of it': These Florida laws will no longer be enforced, AG says](#)

[Democrat: Florida GOP moves to keep wiping out DEI statewide](#)

[Democrat: Why were immigrants pepper sprayed at Florida's Deportation Depot on Christmas Eve?](#)

[FlaPol: Florida's signature industry shows up for Tourism Day at the Capitol](#)

[The Capitolist: Florida's economy set for more modest growth, report says](#)

[News4JAX: Florida leads nation in foreclosure filings, but experts say it's not a repeat of 2008 housing crash](#)

[WUSF: Two schools would close, others merge under Pinellas County plan to ward off Schools of Hope](#)

[Times: Pinellas proposes closing, consolidating 6 underused schools](#)

[Times: Is the Florida governor's race set?](#)

[Democrat: Lawmakers take second look at law seen as gift to developers](#)

[FlaPol: Joe Gruter's bill restricting public pot smoking clears first Senate stop](#)

[FlaPol: Nick DiCeglie's fix to an unpopular hurricane recovery law gains steam with Judiciary Committee approval](#)

[FlaPol: Senate panel advances new data center rules as critics warn of local problems, regulatory 'red tape'](#)

[FlaPol: Senate advances Jason Pizzo bill extending PTSD workers' comp coverage to 911 dispatchers](#)

[FlaPol: Senate committee willing to test the waters on expanding swim lesson vouchers](#)

[Democrat: Al Lawson verging on decision to run for Tallahassee mayor](#)

[WLRN: A Tallahassee twist in the never-ending Coconut Grove Playhouse drama](#)

[Herald: A new state bill would change who controls Coconut Grove Playhouse. 5 takeaways](#)

[FlaPol: House panel OKs bill to restore the Ocklawaha River](#)

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