

Mid-Session Status!

The Briefing for Thursday, February 12, 2026

The Last Briefing – Wednesday, February 11, 2026

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What's the weather outlook?

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

Legislative Calendar

[Senate Calendar - Thursday - Feb 12](#)

[House Updated Calendar for Thursday - Feb 12](#)

Initial Budget Recommendations May Be Forthcoming Today

Key Bills Up Thursday

Senate Appropriations - 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., 412 Knott Building:

- [SB 1366 by Brodeur - Sovereign Immunity -](#)
- [SB 1066 - by Brodeur - Tributaries of the St. Johns River -](#)

House Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee - 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM (17 HOB)

- [CS/HB 1077 by Holcomb -- Funding for Body Cameras](#)
- [HB 1251 by Shoaf -- Expenditure of Public Funds by Local Governments](#)

House State Administration Budget Subcommittee - 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (17 HOB)

- [CS/HB 1329-- Local Government Spending](#)

School Districts Face Current Year Budget Reduction

Declining K-12 student enrollment could impact funding for over 45 school districts!

Florida Education Funding Program 3rd Calculation Funding

FEFP 3rd Calculation

The 3rd calculation found a drop of 46,455.88 in FTE resulting in a reduction of 231,028,166 appropriated by the Legislature. Over 45 of the 67 school district enrollments dropped. Unless some provision is made to help offset the funding loss - \$231 million appropriated in the FEFP will revert.

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](#)

Where Bills Stand in the Legislative Process

This section provides a snapshot of general bills at key points in the legislative process, highlighting whether bills have advanced through committee review or remain pending. As of the 30th day of the session, the table distinguishes among bills that have not yet been heard in any assigned committee, bills that have received committee consideration, and bills that have advanced beyond committee to pass at least one chamber.

Bills that have not been heard in committee are not formally considered dead; however, limited movement at this stage of the session generally indicates a reduced likelihood of further advancement. Together, these categories provide transparency into legislative momentum and help illustrate where proposals currently stand. Some **93** bills in the "No Committee Activity" stage are on an upcoming agenda, or were Temporarily Postponed.

Here's Where We Are! Big Picture!

 [Mid-Session Status of Education Bills Tracked.docx](#)

 [Mid-Session Status of County Related Bills .docx](#)

The 2026 Regular Session is at the half-way point, lawmakers are yet to send Gov. Ron DeSantis a bill that's passed both chambers. High profile issues, including property tax cuts, medical freedom and artificial intelligence regulation sought by the governor, rural economic development legislation pushed by Senate leadership, and a change in the age for buying guns that has passed the House, are yet to find consensus and a clear path to passage in both chambers.

House has passed **24** bills, including one of the most-tracked bills (**HB 145**) that would increase sovereign immunity liability caps. The House is yet to take up a Senate-passed bill.

The Senate has passed **25** bills, including the signature priority of Senate President [Ben Albritton](#), the so-called "[rural renaissance](#)" legislation (**SB 250**), passed in mid-January, that seeks to boost state financial assistance to local governments in rural areas for education, housing, health care, communications and transportation infrastructure. That bill is among the most-tracked Senate bills this session.

What Has Not Been Heard?

On the other side of the equation, there are **897** bills not yet heard in any of their assigned committees at the halfway point, posing a severe challenge for those proposals to get a final vote before the end of the session. Some committees are winding down their work. For example, the chairmen of the Senate Transportation and Senate Community Affairs Committees both said this week their committees would likely not meet again this session. Bills still needing approval from those panels would have to be

withdrawn from the committee in order to get a hearing on the floor, which doesn't happen that often, which means most of those bills won't pass this year. As the number of committee meetings dwindles, more bills will have a difficult time reaching final passage – though none can be really considered dead until the session actually ends.

Legislative Progress Report Status of General Bills as of February 11, 2026							
Chamber	Total General Bills	No Committee Activity	Percent	Passed One Committee	Percent	Passed One Chamber	Percent
Both	1,555	897	57.7%	658	42.32%	49	3.15%
House	759	440	58.0%	319	42.03%	24	3.16%
Senate	796	457	57.4%	339	42.59%	25	3.14%
		No Committee Activity		Passed One Committee		Passed One Chamber	
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		Excel		Excel		Excel	

Legislative Metrics (Counts)

As of February 11, 2026

Statistics	2024	2025	2026	24->26 Difference	25->26 Difference
Bills & PCBs	1,896	1,906	1,824	-72	-82
Texts	2,514	2,481	2,286	-228	-195
Amendments	1,205	1,095	638	-567	-457
Actions	10,258	9,443	8,995	-1,263	-448
Votes	1,478	1,348	1,230	-248	-118
Enrolled: Awaiting Presentation	8	0	0	-8	0
Enrolled: Presented to Governor	0	0	0	0	0
Enrolled: Signed Into Law	0	0	0	0	0
Enrolled: Bills Vetoed	0	0	0	0	0

Historical Budget & Veto Amounts (FY 2000-01 - Present)

Fiscal Year	GAA Bill	Total GAA Budget	Veto Amount	Laws of Florida
2025-2026	2500	\$115,137,650,858	\$1,351,028,249	Ch. 2025-198

2024-2025	5001	\$117,463,274,374	\$949,611,399	Ch. 2024-231
2023-2024	2500	\$117,026,747,547	\$510,865,232	Ch. 2023-239
2022-2023	5001	\$112,071,034,002	\$3,132,314,537	Ch. 2022-156
2021-2022	2500	\$101,543,642,583	\$1,507,611,105	Ch. 2021-036
2020-2021	5001	\$93,215,530,723	\$1,000,337,940	Ch. 2020-111
2019-2020	2500	\$91,106,375,235	\$131,281,341	Ch. 2019-115
2018-2019	5001	\$88,727,534,353	\$64,050,969	Ch. 2018-009
2017-2018*	2500** / 3A	\$82,418,458,905	\$11,961,441,228	Ch. 2017-234
2016-2017	5001	\$82,348,890,492	\$256,144,027	Ch. 2016-066
2015-2016*	2500A	\$78,697,999,841	\$461,387,164	Ch. 2015-232
2014-2015	5001	\$77,081,082,124	\$68,850,121	Ch. 2014-051
2013-2014	1500	\$74,298,188,334	\$367,950,394	Ch. 2013-040
2012-2013	5001	\$70,036,652,091	\$142,752,177	Ch. 2012-118
2011-2012	2000	\$69,676,639,159	\$615,347,550	Ch. 2011-069
2010-2011	5001**	\$70,377,423,887	\$171,573,068	Ch. 2010-152
2009-2010	2600	\$66,536,360,098	\$6,000,000	Ch. 2009-081
2008-2009*	5001 / 2A	\$65,024,050,364	\$251,140,000	Ch. 2008-152
2007-2008*	2800 / 2C	\$71,953,311,480	\$459,167,584	Ch. 2007-072
2006-2007	5001	\$71,326,284,400	\$447,907,053	Ch. 2006-025
2005-2006	2600	\$63,076,088,492	\$179,572,268	Ch. 2005-070
2004-2005	1835	\$58,036,663,978	\$349,344,689	Ch. 2004-268
2003-2004*	2500 / 2A	\$53,502,561,910	\$21,169,517	Ch. 2003-397
2002-2003*	1943 / 27E	\$50,408,981,797	\$207,205,478	Ch. 2002-394
2001-2002	2000	\$48,331,164,980	\$288,833,856	Ch. 2001-253
2000-2001	2145	\$50,919,951,413	\$313,151,997	Ch. 2000-166

* [Special Session](#) on budget issues held subsequently

** Some vetoed line items were subsequently overridden

Source: *General Appropriations Acts and Governor's Veto Lists*

Historical Bill Passage (2001-present)				
Session	Bills Filed	Bills Passed	% Passed	Bills Vetoed
2025	1,959	269	13.73%	11
2024	1,902	325	17.09%	14

2023	1,828	356	19.47%	7
2022	3,685	285	7.73%	11
2021	3,096	275	8.88%	1
2020	3,517	210	5.97%	5
2019	3,492	197	5.64%	5
2018	3,189	200	6.27%	2
2017	3,052	249	8.16%	11
2016	1,814	279	15.38%	3
2015	1,754	231	13.17%	7
2014	1,817	264	14.53%	1
2013	1,848	286	15.48%	11
2012	2,052	292	14.23%	12
2011	2,186	295	13.49%	10
2010	2,478	301	12.15%	18
2009	2,371	271	11.43%	9
2008	2,504	313	12.50%	10
2007	2,545	345	13.56%	18
2006	2,482	386	15.55%	14
2005	2,483	393	15.83%	37
2004	2,691	497	18.47%	22
2003	2,553	412	16.14%	22
2002	2,428	403	16.60%	15
2001	2,251	362	16.08%	13

DATA SETS ON STATEWIDE MILLAGE RATES AND LOCAL TAX ROLLS

[Report on Millage Rates and Taxes Levied](#)

[Data Sets on County Tax Roll Components](#)

[Florida DOGE Report Jan 2026 – Adobe cloud storage](#)

[Florida Association of Counties Property Tax Report](#)

[Florida TAXWATCH Report How Florida Counties Compare!](#)

[Fiscal Structure & Revenue Resilience of Florida Municipalities](#)

On The Docket

- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

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- SENATE APPROPRIATIONS - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Appropriations Committee is meeting. 412 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE FISCAL POLICY - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Senate Fiscal Policy Committee is meeting. 110 Senate Building, the Capitol.
- SENATE SPECIAL ORDER - Thursday, 15 minutes after the 9 a.m. - meetings end. Senate Special Order Calendar Group is meeting. 401 Senate Building, the Capitol.

House meetings

- Thursday, 8:30 a.m. -

- Criminal Justice Subcommittee Sumner Hall, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Health Care Budget Subcommittee Mashburn Hall, 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Industries & Professional Activities Subcommittee Reed Hall, 102 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee Morris Hall, 17 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- Thursday, 12:30 p.m.

- Education Administration Subcommittee Reed Hall, 102 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee Sumner Hall, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- State Administration Budget Subcommittee Morris Hall, 17 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Transportation & Economic Development Budget Subcommittee Mashburn Hall, 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- Thursday, 2:30 p.m.

- Higher Education Budget Subcommittee Reed Hall, 102 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Human Services Subcommittee Mashburn Hall, 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Natural Resources & Disasters Subcommittee Sumner Hall, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- PreK-12 Budget Subcommittee Morris Hall, 17 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- Thursday, 4:30 p.m.

- Agriculture & Natural Resources Budget Subcommittee Location, Mashburn, 314 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Careers & Workforce Subcommittee Morris Hall, 17 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee Reed Hall, 102 House Office Building, the Capitol.
- Information Technology Budget & Policy Subcommittee Sumner Hall, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

- Thursday, 6:15 p.m.

- Rules & Ethics Committee Sumner Hall, 404 House Office Building, the Capitol.

OTHER SCHEDULED EVENTS:

- SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT - Thursday, 9 a.m. - The Governing Board Meeting, SFWMD Leasing Corp. is holding its annual meeting SFWMD Headquarters, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.
- FAMU TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEES - Thursday, 8 a.m. - for committee meetings. 3 p.m. for Board Committees and the Board of Trustees for Florida A&M University are meeting. FAMU Grand Ballroom, 1628 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Tallahassee.
- WEST FLORIDA TRUSTEES - Thursday, 9 a.m. - Committees and the Board of Trustees for University of West Florida are meeting online. Zoom Webinar ID: 846 9704 3477. Passcode: 047421.
- BOATS IN BISCAYNE BAY - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Biscayne Bay Commission will hear about Miami Police Marine Patrol and the Miami-Dade County derelict vessel program. Cutler Bay Town Hall, City Council Chambers, 10720 Caribbean Blvd., Cutler Bay.

- INDIAN RIVER LAGOON PLAN - Thursday, 10 a.m. - The St. John's River Water Management District is hosting a public meeting on the 2026 Indian River Lagoon and Upper St. Johns River Basin Plan. SJRWMD Palm Bay Service Center, 525 Community College Parkway SE, Palm Bay.
- NEW COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Thursday, 3 p.m. The New College Board of Trustees are meeting. Sudakoff Conference Center, 5845 General Dougher Place, Sarasota.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Revenue Estimating Conference Impact Conference is meeting. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- SEAGRASS ADVISORY COUNCIL - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Seagrass Restoration Technology Development Initiative, Technical Advisory Council is meeting to discuss seagrass research. Mote Science Education Aquarium, 225 University Town Center Drive, Sarasota.
- ETHICS UPDATE - Friday, 9 a.m. - The Florida Commission on Ethics will receive a legislative update. 325 John Knox Road, Building E, Suite 200, Tallahassee.

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