



**October 3, 2023**  
**Board of County Commissioners Meeting**

Legislative Update  
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# State and Federal Update



# Supplemental Materials



2023 Legislative Agenda

State Budget Text Highlights

State Budget Local Funding

Potential Federal Shutdown Impact



# 2023 Legislative Agenda Priorities

Guiding Principles

Education

Health and Human Services

Community

Environment



# State Legislative Update 124<sup>th</sup> Legislative Day

Budget passed 9/22/23

9 Bills enacted without signature

66 Bills signed

12 Bills pending signature

16 Bills vetoed

14 Bills overridden

2 Bills pending possible override



# Education

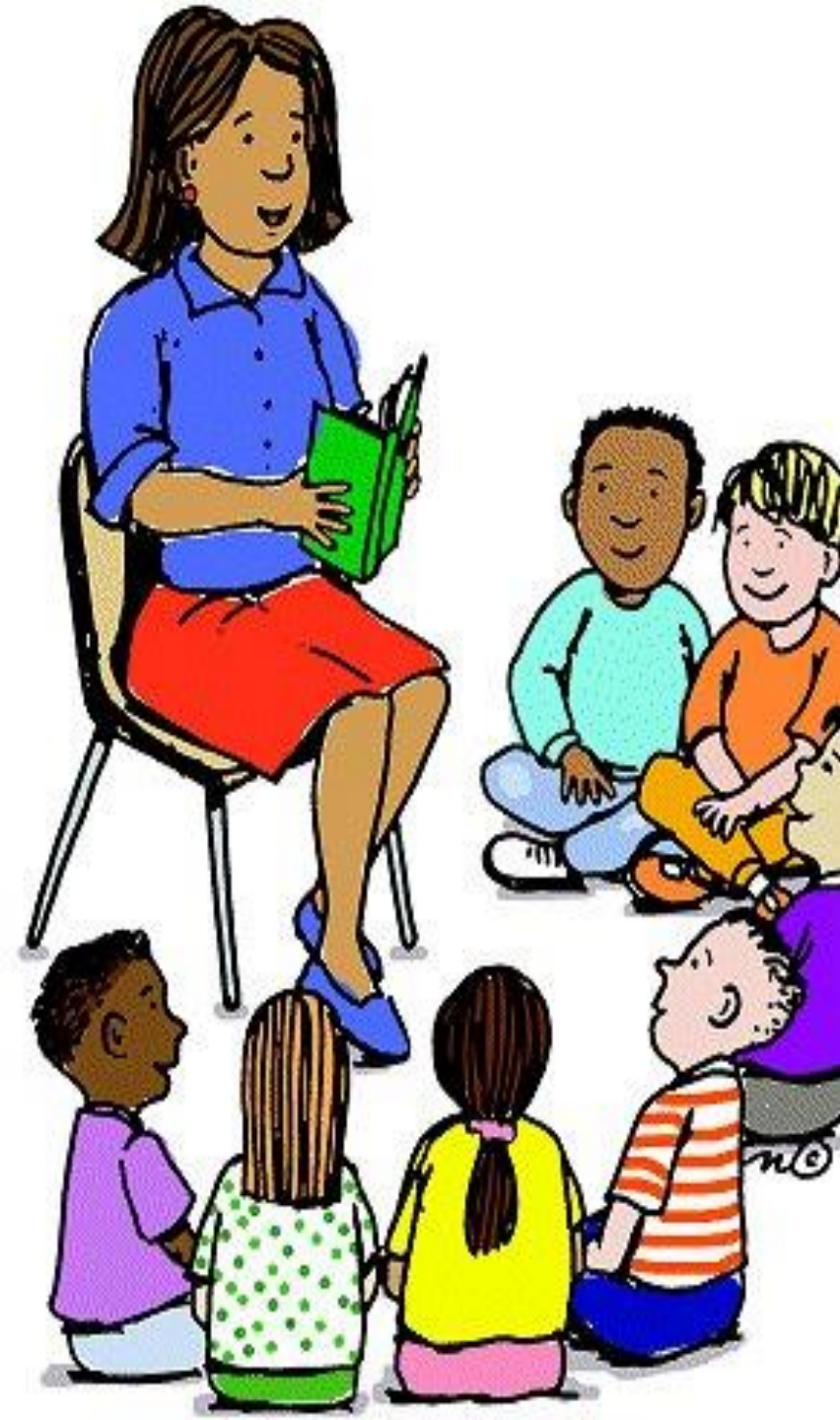
7% Teacher salary increase, additional 2% for bus drivers (2 years)

Expanded school voucher eligibility and funding

Funding for homeless and foster students' transportation

Funding for PreK and childcare staffing programs

Funding for low-wealth counties, at-risk student services, and economically disadvantaged public schools



# Health and Human Services

## Going Live!



# Health and Human Services

Funding for behavioral health outreach programs and provider rate increases

Gives NCDHHS broad authority over Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME/MCO) organizing, dissolution, county disengagement

Requires LME/MCOs workgroups to address gaps in care for children in foster care

Sets requirements for Child and Families Specialty Plan with contracting by Dec. 1, 2024 and limits county options

Funding for maternal and child health grants and other local public health services

Requires Behavioral Health Tailored Plan implementation by July 1, 2024, with initial minimum 4-year contracts





# Community

Includes tier 3 counties in broadband expansion program

Funds expansion of alternatives to pre-trial detention fund

Increases staff allotments:  
+ 4 Asst. District Attorneys and  
+ 6 Magistrates

Provides numerous community organization grants



# Environment

- ★ Funds water and wastewater infrastructure grants
  - Removes emissions inspection requirements
  - Restricts county review of erosion and sedimentation control plans
  - Forbids local governments from restricting or levying fees for plastic bags and containers
  - Removes or limits statewide environmental initiatives



# Additional Budget Provisions

Prohibits local governments from imposing wage/compensation requirements for most employers

Requires projected property tax increase notice on bond referendum ballots

Grants new investigatory power over local governments including:

Evaluation of local implementation of laws, access to buildings, and investigation of public officials and employees

# State Legislative Update

27 Direct  
Appropriations

Regulatory  
Reform Bills

HB 813 Pretrial  
Integrity Act

Meals Tax  
Extension  
(2060)

Inspections,  
Permitting, and  
Code Changes

Child Welfare &  
Guardianship  
Reform

Orphan Roads  
& Homestead  
Act

Redistricting





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# Federal Budget Update – Potential Shutdown Impact



Federal Employees	Furloughed (Essentials on duty)
Social Security/Medicare/ Veteran Benefits	Not impacted, limited staff in offices
Travel	Airports remain open w/TSA delays, closed national parks, limited passport offices
Public Health/Safety	Emergency measures continue, limited inspections for food and hazards
Services for Women and Children	Loss of Head Start access and WIC services (pending State funding)
Medicaid	Not impacted immediately
Food Assistance	SNAP not impacted until Nov.
Housing Assistance	Limited contracting authority
US Postal Service / IRS	Not impacted



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Thank you