



FNA Member Update

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STATE UPDATE

2023 Florida Legislative Session Wrap-up

The 2023 Legislative Session adjourned on Friday, May 5th, passing a record high total of 356 bills.

Budget:

As their final act, the legislature passed the General Appropriations Act, otherwise known as the state budget. The budget totaled \$117 billion – approximately \$7 billion more than last year. Much of the increase is due to increased revenues in the state. The budget prioritizes teacher pay increases, the environment, health care, and a state employee pay raise, among other things, and does not include any tax increases. The budget now goes to the governor, who has line item veto power and is expected to make cuts, potentially as many as \$5 billion. The governor will make his vetoes and sign it before the state's fiscal year begins on July 1. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Tax Package:

The final tax package ([HB 7063](#)) includes several non-recurring sales tax holidays, including:

- Two weeks for disaster preparedness – end of May and August
- Two weeks for back to school – end of summer and beginning of 2024
- Freedom week – for summer recreational activities

Legislation:

Here are highlights of some of the bills that may affect nonprofits.

- **Fiscal Accountability ([SB 242/HB 955](#))**: As reported previously, this bill passed unanimously in both the House and Senate. It sets out clear expectations for documentation required from nonprofits that receive state funding and ensures there is never another egregious misstep like the one committed by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Florida Nonprofit Alliance has worked on nonprofit transparency for three years to ensure there are fair and transparent rules for Florida's nonprofits and is proud to see SB 242 pass.
- **Grants for Nonprofit Organization Safety ([SB 1480](#))**: Provides \$15 million to augment the Department of Homeland Security Grant Program for qualifying entities that did not receive funding in the current fiscal year. The program will be housed within the Division of Emergency Management, and grants will range from \$10,000 to \$150,000. Grantees must be an approved nonprofit entity by Homeland Security.
- **Immigration ([SB 1718](#))**: This bill prohibits counties and municipalities from providing funds to issue documentation to a person who is not lawfully residing in the United States and requires hospitals to collect patient immigration status on admission, among other things. Nonprofits that work with undocumented persons should seek legal advice about their programs and services.
- **Technology Transparency ([SB 262](#))**: This bill creates a Florida Data Bill of Rights, could limit how organizations collect and use data, including security cameras, and prohibits certain conduct by online platforms that provides online services or games for children, among other things. There may be broad implications for any facility that uses security cameras and in how nonprofits store and use data. This bill has a delayed implementation date until 2024.
- **Bills relating to gender, sex, sex education, pronoun usage, and adult live performances:**
 - Facility Requirements Based on Sex ([HB 1521](#)) – includes gender requirements for domestic violence shelters and facility restroom requirements
 - Education ([HB 1069](#)) – important to know for nonprofits providing K-12 education
 - Protection of Children ([SB 1438](#)) - important to know for organizations that are also event venues
 - Gender Clinical Interventions ([HB 1421](#)) - important to know for organizations who work with LGBTQ+ youth and/or health care
- **Education ([HB 1](#))**: Revises provisions on scholarship programs that affect all students in K-12. If your organization serves children and youth, be sure you know how your clients could benefit from the changes.
- **Public Safety ([CS/SB 150](#))**: This bill authorizes a person to carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm if they meet specified requirements only in places where concealed weapons are currently allowed. This is important for nonprofits to realize as employers with business locations.

To listen to the Policy Call from last week with a more detailed wrap-up, [click here](#).

If you have any questions about how recent legislation will affect your nonprofit, [please reach out to us](#).

2024 Legislative Session

The interim committee meetings have been set for the 2024 Legislative Session, which will kick off on January 9, 2024. The interim committee meeting dates are:

- Week of September 18 - 22, 2023 (House only)
- Week of October 9 – 13, 2023 (Senate only)
- Week of October 16 – 20, 2023
- Week of November 6 – 9, 2023 (Veterans Day observed on Friday, November 10)
- Week of November 13 – 17, 2023
- Week of December 4 – 7, 2023 (Chanukah begins on Thursday, December 7)
- Week of December 11 – 15, 2023

UPCOMING DATA EVENTS

Using Data to Make Your Advocacy Case

May 25, 2-3:30PM ET

This new workshop from Florida Nonprofit Alliance will walk through how your organization can use data to make its advocacy case most effectively. The workshop will cover why data matters, where you can find it, how you can gather it, and how to integrate data into your storytelling.

[Click here to register.](#)

2023 Nonprofit Economic Impact Release: Strength in Numbers

June 7, 10-11AM ET

Over the last three years, nonprofits have shown our communities across Florida that they are more important than ever, not only through their various health, human service, cultural, and education programs, but also in their significant contribution to the overall economy. It is vitally important for the sector to understand the contribution we make to statewide employment, annual revenue, and assets held in the state. The nonprofit sector is not just nice to have around; it is essential to the economic vitality of Florida.

This 2023 version of the Nonprofit Economic Impact research highlights the size and scope of the nonprofit sector and its importance to the state's economy. It also highlights how far our state needs to go. It includes county and regional level data, as well as statewide data through a report, infographic, and interactive dashboard. And for the first time, it also includes a step-by-step guide on how to use the data for maximum impact. at your organization level, the regional level, and the sector level.

Join us to learn more about what the numbers tell us and how to effectively use this information to support your nonprofit organization.

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