

# WSMR Public Radio

## Florida Matters Public Affairs Show

April 1-June 30, 2023

### **FLORIDA MATTERS – SECOND QUARTER, 2023**

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Time aired: Tuesdays at 6:30 – 7 p.m. on WUSF 89.7 FM; Monday at 10 – 10:30 p.m. on WSMR 89.1 FM

### [Florida Matters talks with former senator Jeff Brandes about his new Florida Policy Project](#)

June 27, 2023

Although term limits kept him from returning to Tallahassee, the former state senator still wants to help shape policy. (Politics, government, education, corrections, property insurance)

### [Florida Matters explores the impact of new state immigration laws on migrants and Floridians](#)

June 20, 2023

The law is already having an impact, even though it doesn't go into effect until next month. (Immigration, minority issues, politics, business)

### [Educating young people about Juneteenth amid restrictions from lawmakers](#)

June 13, 2023

Juneteenth has only been recognized as a federal holiday since 2021. But Black American communities have marked the occasion for more than 150 years. (Minority issues, government, education)

[Florida emergency managers say they're making sure residents are prepared for hurricane season](#)

June 6, 2023

With the 2023 Hurricane season underway, we discuss what causes storms to spin up in the Atlantic and lessons learned from Hurricane Ian. (Hurricanes, public safety, government)

[Many Floridians struggle to pay for necessities, especially as pandemic relief ends, experts say](#)

May 30, 2023

Two out of five Floridians are living on the edge of poverty, according to a report published last month by United Way Suncoast. (Economy, business, minority issues, government)

[Florida Matters explores how new laws are changing public schools for teachers, parents and students](#)

May 23, 2023

Colleges and universities are also facing big changes because of Gov. Ron DeSantis's administration. (Higher education, politics, government)

[A new set of laws aimed at transgender people has some LGBTQ Floridians fearing the effects](#)

May 16, 2023

Among new measures, they voted to ban gender affirming care for minors. (LGBTQ+ issues, education, health care, public safety, politics)

[Florida Matters digs into the impact of the recent legislative session to Floridians](#)

May 9, 2023

Lawmakers passed laws on guns, housing, education and a slate of bills that could help Gov. DeSantis if he runs for president. (Government, politics, public safety, health care, education, housing, environment)

### [Voter education and registration groups react to the elections bill that targets their efforts](#)

May 2, 2023

On Friday, lawmakers approved Senate Bill 70-50. It now awaits the governor's signature. (Government, politics, voting, minority issues)

### [How limits on demonstration at the Florida Capitol affect free speech](#)

April 25, 2023

Free speech advocates say new rules limiting demonstrations at the state capitol threaten the First Amendment rights of Floridians. (Voting rights, free speech, politics)

### [After 'Ruby Bridges,' a Tampa Bay writer speaks on parental rights and teaching Black history](#)

April 18, 2023

"Ruby Bridges," a movie based on the story of a 6-year old girl's experience of school integration in New Orleans during the 1960s, will continue to be shown as part of Pinellas County Schools' curriculum. (Minority issues, education, public safety)

### [Professors say House Bill 999 would be horrific for academic freedom at Florida's state universities](#)

April 11, 2023

The proposed bill also targets funding for diversity, equity and inclusion programs. (Higher education, politics, First Amendment rights)

### [Progress on permitless carry, school vouchers and more mark the Florida Legislature's halfway point](#)

April 4, 2023

The 60-day legislative session hits the halfway mark this week. (Politics, government, Second Amendment rights, education, higher education, health care)