

## Turn passion into action; now more than ever!!!

The Florida Legislature has made committee appointments as well as set the following committee weeks in Tallahassee:

**January 11, January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15.**

The Senate and House have also established rules for engagement during committee weeks. See the complete memos for additional details.

**Senate:** No more than three committees will meet at one time and only the following committee rooms will be used: 412 Knott, 110 SB, and 37 SB. However, the Senate has reserved three remote viewing rooms at the Leon County Civic Center, *to allow members of the public* to view meetings *and* virtually address Senate committees in a safe, socially distant manner. Each committee notice published in the Senate calendar will include the room number within the Civic Center where members of the public may gather should they wish to address the committee. That is us!!

**House:** The House will split committee blocks in two and implement an alternating meeting schedule, which will result in a more condensed committee schedule. Committee meetings will occur in Webster Hall, Morris Hall, Reed Hall and Sumner Hall and will be live-streamed on <https://thefloridachannel.org/>. Seating is on a *first-come, first-served basis*, will be socially distanced, limited to meetings where committees are discussing bills or potential legislation and *require* online registration for those wishing to provide substantive testimony. There will also be an opportunity to provide written testimony to committee members should you not be able to provide testimony in person. On certain issues of great public significance and when scheduling allows, there will be expanded seating capacity for on-site virtual testimony. Visitors are required to observe social distancing and wear a face covering when in the company of another person.

**Now** is the time to meet your newly elected or returning officials. When advocating please distribute the FLPTA Legislative Priorities Brochure:

<https://floridapta.org/media/2020/10/Florida-PTA-Legislative-Priorities-2021-2.pdf>

**Senate:** Please note for the month of January 2, Senators have been asked to avoid in person meetings and to schedule meetings virtually. Likewise, when feasible, committees are asked to facilitate remote presentations.

**House:** Please note House members are *encouraged* to use conference calls or virtual meetings. If in-person meetings are necessary, every effort should be made to limit the maximum number of guests who can safely socially distance.

Please keep track of your meetings and connections. We would love to hear how it is going and learn what we can do to assist by emailing [legislation@floridapta.org](mailto:legislation@floridapta.org). In your

advocacy related social media posts, we would also appreciate it if you would use our hashtag **#FLPTActionow**.

Your Legislation Committee continues its series of training during FLPTA Get Engaged Wednesdays. The next Advocacy presentation is January 27<sup>th</sup> at noon and 7:00pm where our PTA Youth Advocacy training will be led by Damaris and Emmitt Allen. Our committee values being able to provide trainings. Please send your suggestions and view all our Advocacy related PowerPoints and recorded zoom trainings at <https://floridapta.org/get-engaged-wednesdays/>.

**Registration is open.**

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