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Throughout this year's Legislative Session, the Legislature's budget decisions and bills were viewed through the lens of our goal to get Florida's economy back on track and helping create jobs for Floridians.

We stayed focused on our responsibility to Florida's families and businesses by taking important steps forward to incentivize new businesses, stimulate job creation and remove barriers to economic growth in Florida.

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Florida's Old and New Capitols

FLORIDA ECONOMY

This year the Legislature voted to make pro-jobs modifications to our Unemployment Compensation System by providing tax relief to Florida's job creators, adjusting benefits to match Florida's economic circumstances, and clarifying workplace expectations for employers and employees.

Lawmakers helped to create jobs and increase economic development by modernizing our growth management system to provide flexibility for local governments to address the needs of their local communities and ensure the focus of state resources on issues of state significance.

The legislature also passed legislation to create economic incentives to encourage business growth across the state through the creation of the State Economic Enhancement and Development (SEED) Trust Fund. The SEED Trust Fund provides a dedicated, recurring funding source to enable Florida to be proactive and better positioned to capitalize on opportunities that will benefit the state from an economic development perspective.

We took a responsible, long term view toward restoring Florida's economy this year. We will continue to work to prepare for a future that will once again place Florida among the top states in economic growth and prosperity in America.

Now Available 2011 End of Session Summary

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This report was compiled by the staff of the Florida House of Representatives upon completion of the 2011 Legislative Session. This information is intended to provide Florida legislators and their constituents with a summary of the bills that passed both legislative chambers. Click the banner above to review the Session Summary (365 pages) for 2011.

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July 27, 2011 (Wednesday)

Orlando – 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.,
and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Bob
Carr Performing Arts
Center ([Online RSVP](#))

July 28, 2011 (Thursday)

Melbourne – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
– Brevard County Commis-
sion Chamber ([Online
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August 15, 2011 (Monday)

Stuart – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. –
Blake Library ([Online
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FLORIDA REDISTRICTING

This week, the Florida House and Senate begin [the first four](#) of [more than two dozen public input meetings](#) on redistricting. For those Floridians at the public meetings, this is a once-in-a-decade opportunity to talk face-to-face with members of the Florida House and Florida Senate about how Florida's many diverse communities should be represented in the redrawn district maps.

For those Floridians who cannot attend the meetings, there are still many opportunities to watch the meetings and even participate via social media.

Watch Meeting Webcasts Live and Archived

First, Florida residents can visit <http://www.floridaredistriicting.org/media.aspx> to watch the live webcast of redistricting meetings, via the Florida Channel. The [calendar of public meetings](#) can be found at www.floridaredistriicting.org.

Participate via Facebook, Twitter and Email

Second, Florida residents can submit their comments via social media. It is recommended that social media participants clearly identify to which meeting they wish their comments to be directed. For example, including “#Tallahassee”, “#Pensacola”, “#FortWalton”, or “#PanamaCity” are easily recognizable ways to indicate that a comment is associated with a particular meeting.

Social media comments that are directed to any of the following will be included in the public record of the meeting. Time permitting, the comments may also be read aloud in the meeting.

Facebook: Post comments at <http://www.facebook.com/MyDistrictBuilder>

Twitter: Send tweets to @FLRedistricting (<http://twitter.com/FLRedistricting>)

Email: Send email messages to mydistrictbuilder@myfloridahouse.gov



Abilities Resource Center of Indian River County and surrounding area
We have touched the lives of thousands of individuals over the past 35 years

Recently I had the pleasure of attending an event for ARC's Capital Campaign here in Vero Beach. Over the years, the ARC's service to persons with disabilities has had a reach and meaning that has rippled through to families, friends and employers. The ARC is a lifeline to the developmentally disabled and their families, enabling them to lead full and rewarding lives.



While the ARC stands at the forefront of service to Vero Beach's disabled today, like many other non profit agencies, they wrestle with community needs they cannot meet. With the support of the Vero Beach Community the organization has launched the Arc Lifeline Campaign. This is the first time in ARC's history that they have conducted a capital campaign. This fundraising campaign will position the Arc to extend lifelines to these families.

The Arc Lifeline Campaign is a \$3.25 million initiative that is tailored to improve and expand existing facilities, increase their capacity to serve, and position them to meet the needs of the financially challenged. Please take a moment to click the Arc banner above and view their campaign video. For more information or to get involved please contact the center at 772-562-6854.