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PITTS SERVED AT CAPITOL

Justice 2 Jesus lobbyist Brian Pitts now faces a clock even sterner than the Legislature's 60-day session. Pitts, who was found guilty of practicing law without a license, could face jail time in Pinellas County as early as next week, after being served a court order Wednesday at the state Capitol. Pitts told the News Service of Florida on Thursday that he intends to request a rehearing in the matter before the high court. Pitts was sentenced to five months in jail last week for repeatedly violating a 2003 Supreme Court order barring him from practicing law. The order calls for him to be locked up within five days of being served. Sen. Gary Siplin, D-Orlando, earlier came to Pitts' defense, filing legislation aimed at compensating him for his long battle with the Florida Bar. Pitts repeated Thursday his assertion that the legislation is what's prompted the tough order. "It's all about power," Pitts said.

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Weekly Roundup - Boning Up on the Budget

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Weekly Roundup - Boning Up on the Budget

(Recap and analysis of the week in state government)

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Lawmakers might have to resolve the issues that arose this week without the input of one of the Capitol's most visible figures during the legislative session. Justice 2 Jesus lobbyist Brian Pitts was jailed this week in Pinellas County. Pitts is beginning a five month sentence for practicing law without a license. He was ordered to jail for repeatedly violating a 2003 order by the Florida Supreme Court, which sentenced him last month.

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