

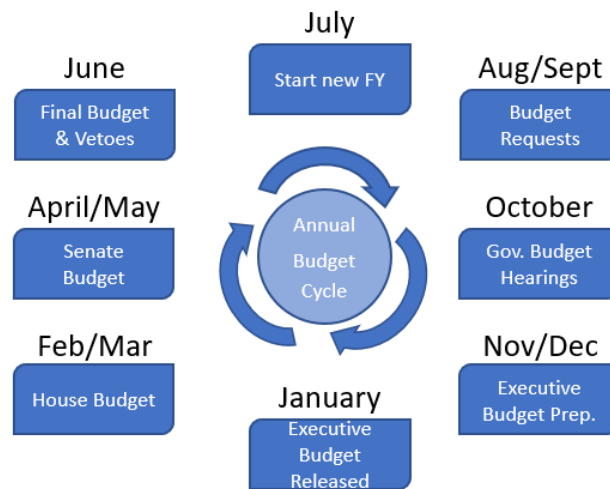
What is it?

The budget process culminates in the creation of the annual Appropriations Act which establishes the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

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The budget process begins in late summer when the EBO sends budget guidelines and forms to agencies. The requests are due to EBO in September. In October, agencies meet with the Governor's Office to review the requests. The Governor publishes the Executive Budget in January.

The House Ways & Means Committee creates a budget in February which is sent to the full House of Representatives. In April, the Senate Finance Committee creates a budget which is sent to the full Senate. After the Senate, the House has an additional opportunity to amend or adopt the Senate Budget.



If the two bodies do not agree on a budget, a conference committee is appointed with three members from the Senate and three members from the House. The conference committee decides between both versions of the budget, and the conference budget must be approved by both bodies. The Governor then has the opportunity for a line-item veto. The House and Senate can sustain or override the Governor's vetoes. Finally, the EBO loads the adopted Appropriations Act into the accounting system for the start of the fiscal year on July 1.

If a budget is not approved in time for the July 1 date, either a budget is not available or a temporary budget is loaded based on separate legislation. As soon as the final appropriations are complete, EBO reverses the temporary budget and loads the final appropriations.

Who do I contact in EBO?

Your assigned budget analyst can assist you with this item.