



State Budget Process in Georgia



2004

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State Auditor undertakes audit of how state agencies spent funds appropriated in FY 04. Final report issued Dec. 31, 2004.

State Auditor undertakes audit of how state agencies spent funds appropriated in FY 05. Final report issued Dec. 31, 2005.

Dept. of Audits and Office of Planning and Budget separately conduct program evaluations of state agencies as requested by Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee. (Although program evaluations are supposed to be completed by Aug. 1, in reality Audits and OPB staff work year around to complete requested evaluations.)

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Governor gives budget message to 2004 General Assembly. Has amended FY 04 and FY 05 budgets drafted and introduced as bills in the House.

Agencies must submit annual operating budget for FY 05 to Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) by May 31, 2004.

OPB reviews agency budget requests and makes recommendations to Governor for FY 05 budget.

Governor gives budget message to 2005 General Assembly. Has amended FY 05 and FY 06 budgets drafted and introduced as bills in the House.

Agencies must submit annual operating budget for FY 06 to Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) by May 31, 2005.

OPB reviews agency budget requests and makes recommendations to Governor for FY 06 budget.

Governor gives budget message to 04 General Assembly. Has amended FY 06 and FY 07 budgets drafted and introduced as bills in the House.

State agencies begin internal process for determining financial needs for FY 06.

Each agency head meets with division heads and department board (if any) to finalize request for FY 06 budget. Also, after July 1, 2004, each agency begins determining if any changes or additions to its FY 05 budget will be requested in the amended FY 05 budget. Both requests have to be submitted to OPB by Sept. 1, 2004.

Governor meets with heads of major agencies to hear their requests for amended FY 05 and FY 06 budgets.

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Governor meets with heads of major agencies to hear their requests for amended FY 05 and FY 06 budgets.

Governor revises FY 06 revenue estimate (if necessary), sets FY 07 estimate, and finalizes amended FY 06 and FY 07 budget proposals.

State agencies begin internal process for determining financial needs for FY 08.

Agencies file work program along with request for quarterly allotment of funds. Must be filed with OPB at least 5 days before beginning of quarter. No allotment of state funds is made until work plan is approved by the Governor. Within 15 days after the end of each quarter, agencies must file report with OPB detailing how quarterly allotment was spent.

Governor's Economic Advisor continuously monitors economic conditions—in particular, monthly state revenue collections—and advises Governor in event budget is threatened by insufficient revenue.

Fiscal Affairs Subcommittee meets quarterly (or more often) to review and approve budget object transfers in current appropriation act recommended by the Governor.

House Budget Office (HBO) and Senate Budget Office (SBO) provide staff assistance to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees during the 2004 General Assembly.

HBO and SBO conduct site visits, monitor agency expenditure reports, and review agency compliance with amended FY 04 and new FY 05 budgets.

HBO and SBO examine agency amended FY 05 budget requests. Also examine FY 06 budget requests and prepare a FY 06 "continuation budget" for General Assembly.

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HBO and SBO provide staff assistance to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees during the 2006 General Assembly.

House-Senate Approp. Committees joint budget hearings
2004 General Assembly enacts amended FY 04 and FY 05 general appropriations acts.

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2006 General Assembly enacts amended FY 06 general and FY 07 general appropriations acts.

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