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Budget Timetable		
Budget	Date/Timeline	Notes/Exceptions
Government begins drafting budget		
Government submits annual budget		
House Budget Committee deliberations		
House Floor Debate		
Senate Budget Committee Deliberations		
Senate Floor Debate		
Conference Committee		
Veto Overrides		



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The Short Guide

While the budget is just another bill, there are always different rules and timetables and even different kinds of budgets. Some states do an annual budget for each fiscal year; some states do a two-year budget bill in the first year of a two-year session and a “budget corrections” bill during the second year. Every state has different rules and different definitions for “deficiency” and “supplemental” budgets. Because part of your policy solution will probably require adding or transferring funds to a particular account, or changing some language in a particular line item, your job is to find out the rules and timetables for each different budget process in your state.