



State Budget Process in Georgia



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State Auditor undertakes audit of how state agencies spent funds appropriated in SFY 06. Final report issued Dec. 31, 2006.

State Auditor undertakes audit of how state agencies spent funds appropriated in SFY 07. Final report issued Dec. 31, 2007.

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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Agencies must submit annual operating budget for SFY 07 to Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) by May 31, 2006.

OPB reviews agency budget requests and makes recommendations to Governor for SFY 07 budget.

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Agencies must submit annual operating budget for SFY 08 to Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) by May 31, 2007.

OPB reviews agency budget requests and makes recommendations to Governor for SFY 08 budget.

Governor gives budget message to 2008 General Assembly. Has amended SFY 08 and SFY 09 budgets drafted and introduced as bills in the House.

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

Each agency head meets with division heads and department board (if any) to finalize request for SFY 08 budget. Also, after July 1, 2006, each agency begins determining if any changes or additions to its SFY 07 budget will be requested in the amended SFY 07 budget. Both requests have to be submitted to OPB by Sept. 1, 2006.

Governor meets with heads of major agencies to hear their requests for amended SFY 07 and SFY 08 budgets.

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Governor meets with heads of major agencies to hear their requests for amended SFY 08 and SFY 09 budgets.

State agencies begin internal process for determining financial needs for SFY 10.

Governor revises SFY 07 revenue estimate, sets SFY 08 estimate, and finalizes amended SFY 07 and SFY 08 budget recommendations.

Governor revises SFY 08 revenue estimate, sets SFY 09 estimate, and finalizes amended SFY 08 and SFY 09 budget proposals.

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 and Senate Budget Office provide staff assistance to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees during the 2006 General Assembly.

HBO and SBO conduct site visits, monitors agency expenditure reports, and reviews agency compliance with amended SFY 06 and new SFY 07 budgets.

HBO and SBO examine agency amended SFY 07. and SFY 08 budget requests and prepare a SFY 08 "continuation budget" for General Assembly.

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House-Senate Approp. Committees joint budget hearings
2006 General Assembly enacts amended SFY 06 and SFY 07 general appropriation acts.

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