North Carolina’s Budget Process

Governor’s Recommended Budget Published

Full Appropriations Meeting
1st: OSBM, FRD, Council of State
2nd: Full Appropriations Chairs/FRD

Appropriations Area Committee Process
- Education
- HHS
- AgNER
- General Government
- JPS
- Transportation
- Capital

1. Review Continuation/Base Budget
2. Determine Expansion Budget Items and Special Provisions
3. Adopt Area Committee Report

Full Appropriations Process
1. Presentation of Area Committee Reports and Statewide Items
2. Amendments and Debate
3. Adopt Committee Substitute

House or Senate Floor
1. Bill Presentation
2. Debate and Amendments
3. Vote on 2nd Reading/3rd Reading

Sent to Other Chamber
1st: For 1st Reading in Receiving Chamber
2nd: For Concurrence by Originating Chamber

House and Senate Appoint Conferees
1. Review Difference Documents
2. Conferees Negotiate Differences
3. Develop Conference Report Based on Agreements

House and Senate Vote on Conference Report

Conference Report Adopted

Budget Bill Enrolled, Ratified and Sent to the Governor to be Signed into Law

House and Senate alternate preparation of the initial budget bill.

For example, in the 2021-2023 Biennium, the Senate will prepare its budget first and send it to the House for consideration.

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