

Typical State Budget Process in Georgia

June – August	September– December	January– March*	April– June
OPB sends governor’s budget instructions to state agencies	OPB and legislative offices analyze agency budget requests	Governor presents the budget recommendations to the General Assembly by the 5th day of the session	Governor and OPB review the appropriations act (40 business days to sign)
Agencies develop proposed budgets	Governor meets with OPB and agency heads as needed	House version (comparison of House vs. governor)	Governor signs the appropriations act
Agencies submit budgets to OPB	Governor develops final budget proposal	Senate version (comparison of House vs. Senate vs. governor)	State agencies prepare their annual operating budgets and submit them to OPB for review and approval
		Conference committee version (House and Senate differences are resolved)	Fiscal year starts July 1
		Both chambers vote on the final appropriations act	

* While the 40-day session typically ends in late March or early April, years with extenuating circumstances have seen the session extend into May and even June. As the general appropriations bill is typically one of the last bills to receive a final vote, longer sessions can result in a compressed calendar as agencies prepare for the July 1 start of the new fiscal year.