Ohio’s Bienniel Budget Overview

**Governor: End of January**
- The Governor must propose budget recommendations before the end of January.
- By the end of March, the “As Introduced” budget is introduced into the Ohio House.

**Ohio House: February to April**
- The full Finance Committee makes final changes and votes on the new bill.
- The Finance Committee submits the new bill to the full Ohio House.
- The entire Ohio House votes on the budget and makes changes if needed.

**Ohio Senate: April to June**
- The Senate will repeat the process the House uses, just in an abbreviated time with fewer hearings.
- Once out of committee, the full Senate will debate needed changes and vote on the bill.

**Conference Committee: June**
- Members of both the House and Senate make up the Conference Committee, which reviews the budget and reconciles the major differences between the House and Senate.
- There is no opportunity for testimony during Conference Committee.
- The Conference Committee makes a final report which the full House and Senate must accept or reject without additional changes.

**Governor’s Veto: By June 30th**
- The governor can veto specific line items, but cannot add or change anything.
- The governor must sign the budget by June 30th so it make take effect on July 1st.

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