How the State Budget Becomes Law

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Governor unveils budget to House and Senate Appropriations Committees	
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State House	**State Senate**
Some bills are introduced in House	Some bills are introduced in Senate
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House Appropriations Subcommittees hold hearing and take up bills	Senate Appropriations Subcommittees hold hearings and take up bills
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House Appropriations Committee debates and votes on bills	Senate Appropriations Committee debates and votes on bills
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House debates and votes on bills	Senate debates and votes on bills
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House Appropriations Subcommittees hold hearings And take up Senate-passed bills	Senate Appropriations Subcommittees hold hearings And take up House-passed bills
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House Appropriations Committee debates and votes on bills	Senate Appropriations Committee debates and votes on bills
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House votes on bills. (If the bill hasn't changed, it goes to the governor.)	Senate votes on bills. (If the bill hasn't changed, it goes to the governor.)
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If there are still differences, the bill goes to a six-member House-Senate conference committee.	
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House votes on conference committee bills that began in the House.	Senate votes on conference committee bills that began in the Senate.
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GOVERNOR	
Governor signs or vetoes bills. (Budget bills take effect Oct. 1.)	