



State Budget & New General Assembly

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Overview

- New General Assembly (135th)
- State Budget Process
- FY 2024-2025 Executive Budget Proposal
- OLC Messaging
- OLC Tools
- Next Steps
- Questions

135th General Assembly

- New General Assembly
- New Legislation - New Leaders
- House Representation
 - 67 Republicans and 32 Democrats
- Senate Representation
 - 26 Republicans and 7 Democrats

135th General Assembly

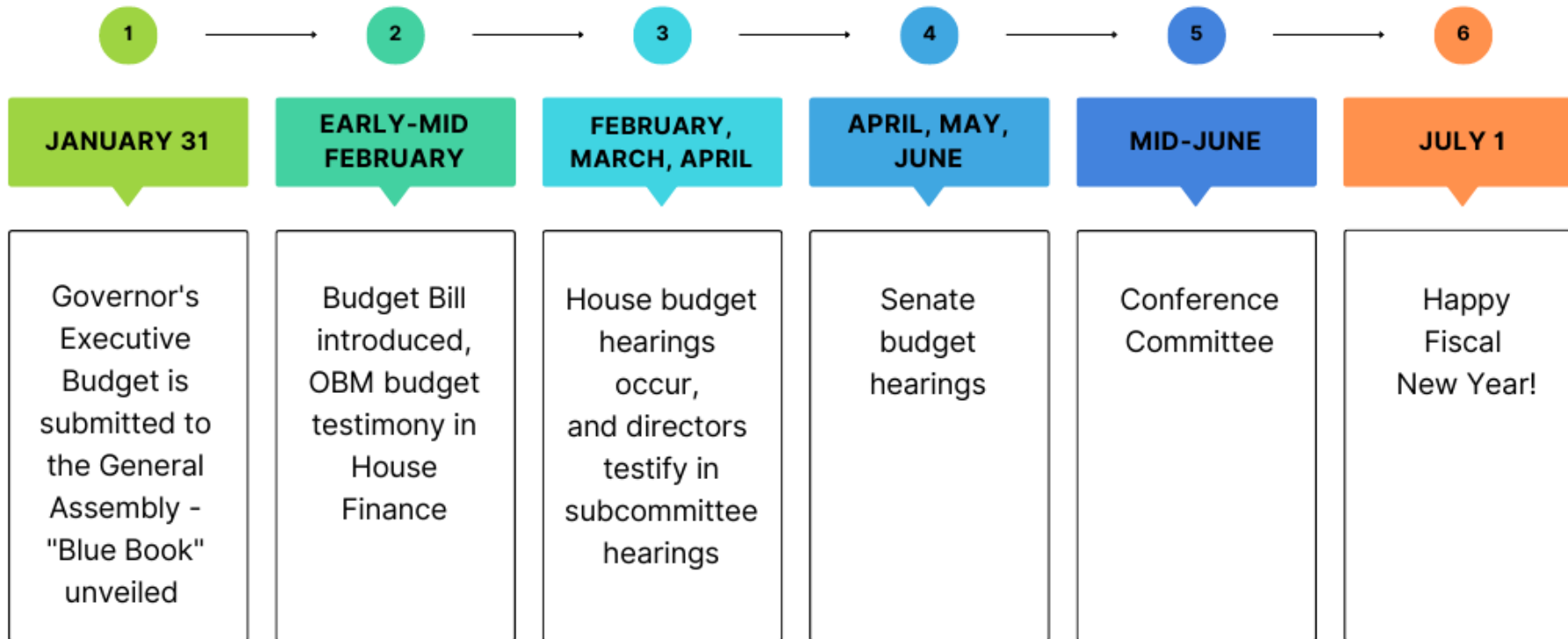
- **House Majority Leadership**
 - Speaker Jason Stephens (Kitts Hill)
 - Speaker Pro Tempore Scott Oelslager (Canton)
 - Majority Floor Leader Bill Seitz (Cincinnati)
 - Asst. Maj. Floor Leader Jon Cross (Kenton)
 - Majority Whip Jim Hoops (Napoleon)
 - Asst. Majority Whip Sharon Ray (Wadsworth)
- **House Minority Leadership**
 - Minority Leader Allison Russo (Upper Arlington)
 - Asst. Minority Leader Dontavius Jarrells (Columbus)
 - Minority Whip Jessica Miranda (Forest Park)
 - Asst. Minority Whip Tavia Galonski (Akron)

135th General Assembly

- **Senate Majority Leadership**
 - Senate President Matt Huffman (Lima)
 - President Pro Tempore Kirk Schuring (Canton)
 - Majority Floor Leader Robert McColley (Napoleon)
 - Majority Whip Theresa Gavarone (Bowling Green)
- **Senate Minority Leadership**
 - Minority Leader Nickie Antonio (Lakewood)
 - Asst. Minority Leader Hearcel Craig (Columbus)
 - Minority Whip Kent Smith (Euclid)
 - Asst. Minority Whip Paula Hicks-Hudson (Toledo)



State Budget Timeline



FY 2024-2025 Executive Budget

- Ohio's Time - Invests in Ohioans, in our communities, and in our thriving economy
- Supports children & families, mental health, clean water, economic development, workforce development, and higher education
- Public Library Fund (PLF)
- Governors Imagination Library

Public Library Fund (PLF) - Commitment to Ohio's public libraries

- Funding at new statutory levels in FY 2024 and FY 2025
 - 1.70% (permanent law)
- OBM PLF distribution estimates from Blue Book:
 - FY 2023: \$492 million
 - FY 2024: \$505 million (2.6% increase)
 - FY 2025: \$530 million (5.0% increase)



Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio

- \$16 million to continue the Governor's Imagination Library (\$8 million each fiscal year)



OLC Resources and Tools

<http://libraryfunding.olc.org/>

- Advocacy Tools and Templates
- White Paper and Talking Points
- Statehouse Directory
- Webinar Recordings
- Testimony & News Updates
- ROI Calculator
- Fact Sheets

Message to Lawmakers and Next Steps

- Make public libraries a priority in the state budget
- Maintain PLF funding and set the permanent law language at 1.70% of the State's General Revenue Fund (GRF)
- Hold public libraries harmless from any additional reductions in state funding
- Invite legislators into your libraries and show them the “good” and the “bad”

Questions?

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