



State Budget Update

HB 33 & HB 1

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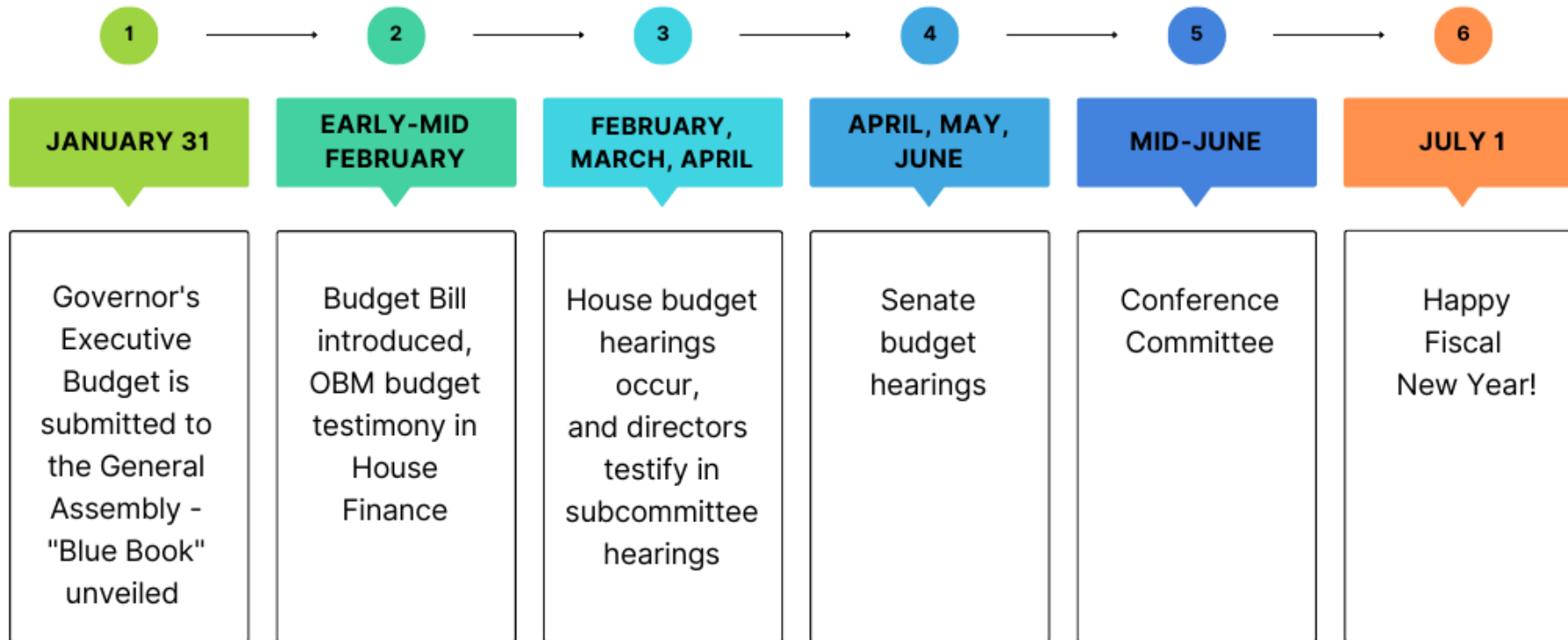
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Overview

- State Budget Process
- Budget Bill Language - HB 33
- Tax Proposal - HB 1
- OLC Tools
- OLC Messaging
- Next Steps
- Questions



State Budget Timeline



Key Committees for the Budget

- House Finance (Jay Edwards, Chair)
- Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education, Manning-Chair, Cross, B.Young, Jarrells, Blackshear
- Senate Finance (Matt Dolan, Chair)
- Senate Workforce and Higher Education, Cirino-Chair, Rulli-Vice Chair, Reineke, Reynolds, Ingram



HB 33 - What's in the Budget?

- Public Library Fund (PLF)
- State Library & OPLIN
- Seed Sharing
- Youth Online Parental Notification
- Governor's 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)

State Library of Ohio & OPLIN

- State Library
 - 5% Increase in GRF funding from FY23
- Ohio Public Library Information Network (line item)
 - 5% Increase in funding from the PLF

Seed Libraries - Dept. of Agriculture (ODA)

- Exempts seed libraries from certain regulations (labeling, permitting, sales reporting)
- Requires a seed log to identify source of seeds received by the library
- Allows ODA to request access and review the seed log at anytime.

Youth Online Parental Notification

- Prohibits an online operator (such as TikTok or Twitter) from allowing a child under the age of 16 to have access unless they have parental consent.
- Provisions only apply to those online operators whose online services target children.
- Multiple ways to obtain parental consent.
- Enforcement of these provisions under the authority of the Attorney General.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Ohio

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

HB 1 - Tax Proposal

- 2.75% Flat Tax (\$1.5 to \$2 Billion Income Tax Cut), reduces the PLF by \$25 to \$34 Million per FY
- Eliminates the 10% Rollback on Class I Property (this includes the rollback benefit to residential property owners and the reimbursement to local governments)
- Reduces the assessment rate on Class I & II Property from 35% to 31.5%
- Includes a secondary property tax reduction factor in addition to HB 920
- Impact on HB 920??



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 ***at least*** 1.70% of the State's General Revenue Fund (GRF)
- Hold public libraries harmless from any additional reductions in state funding (HB 1)
- Invite legislators into your libraries and show them the “good” and the “bad”

OLC Legislative Day at the Statehouse - Wed. April 26



Questions?

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