



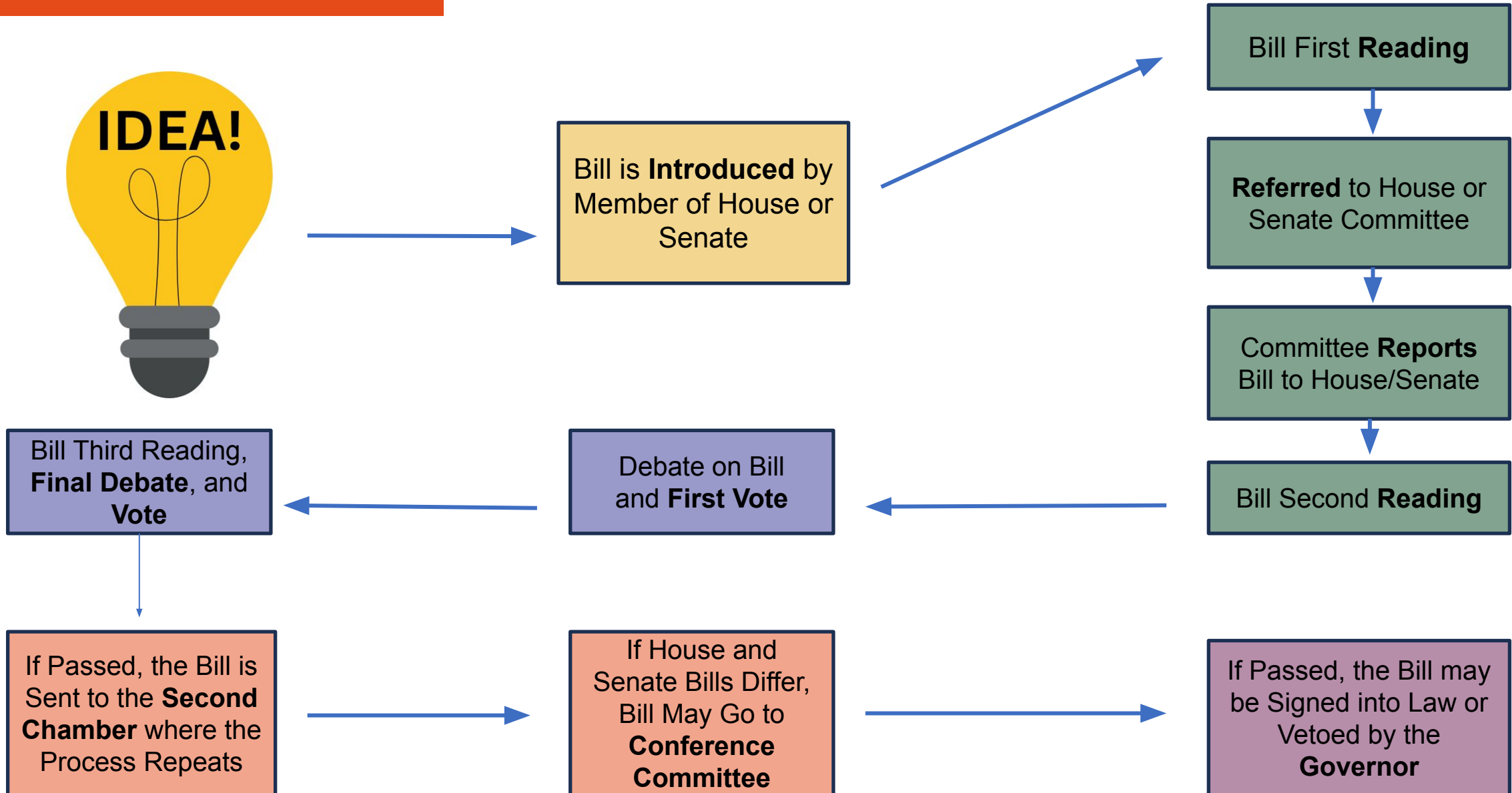
ECDL '25 State Budget Workshop

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Bill Consideration Process - How a Bill Becomes a Law



Crafting the State Budget

July 1	Beginning of State Fiscal Year (referred to by calendar year of second half of fiscal year – so July 2017 = FY18)
July-August	Department-level budget requests are developed for the next Fiscal Year
September-October	Agencies review Department budget requests, and develop Agency-wide budget requests to send to the Governor
November-December	Governor's office drafts Governor's Recommended Budget
December (in odd years)/ January (in even years)	House Appropriations Committee begins work on Budget Adjustment Act (BAA) for current Fiscal Year
Mid-January	Governor releases Recommended Budget for next Fiscal Year

Crafting the State Budget

January-February	House Appropriations Committee reviews Governor's Recommend, works on House version of budget
February-March	Senate Appropriations Committee reviews Governor's Recommended Budget
Late March	House passes their version of the budget
April	Senate Appropriations Committee reviews House Budget, Senate passes their version of the budget
May	House/Senate Conference Committee reviews differences and develops compromise budget, which is passed by both chambers and then sent to the Governor for approval or veto
June 30	End of State Fiscal Year



Budget Process for '25

- Normal FY25 Budget Adjustment Process [Jan.-March] – ***veto possible***
- Normal FY26 Budget Process [Feb.-May]
- Policy Committees in House submitted letters as usual – Senate letters uncertain
- Impacts of federal budget cuts/changes unknown, potentially very large – ***post-session work possible***



Alliance Leg Agenda Issues - FY26 Budget

Larger

- Temporary/Emergency Shelter (GA) and Affordable Housing
- Act 76 Implementation

Smaller (under \$1 million)

- PCC Network
- Vermont 211
- Empty Arms (Perinatal Peer Support)
- Reach Up
- BBF Funding
- CIS Funding

Currently Inactive/ Minimal Impact

- Doula Medicaid Access
- VT Tax Credits
- Fair Share for VT



FY26 Budget Process So Far

Governor's Recommended FY26 Budget

- Relatively few surprises, but some key spending items not included
- Few policy initiatives being proposed (exception: Ed System Restructuring)
- Two large “sweeps” proposed to CCFAP spending (FY25 and FY26)
- No large cuts or increases in other EC areas

House Human Services Committee Letter to House Approps

- Includes most Alliance budget requests



Three Budgeting Committees

House Committee on Appropriations

- Rep. Robin Scheu, Chair
- Rep. Jim Harrison, Vice Chair
- Rep. Tiffany Bluemle, Ranking Member
- Rep. Eileen Dickinson
- Rep. John Kascenska
- Rep. Wayne Laroche
- Rep. Michael Mrowicki
- Rep. Michael Nigro
- Rep. Trevor Squirrell, Clerk
- Rep. Thomas Stevens
- Rep. David Yacovone

Senate Committee on Appropriations

- Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Chair
- Sen. Pat Brennan, Vice-Chair/Clerk
- Sen. Richard Westman
- Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons
- Sen. Philip Baruth
- Sen. Anne Watson
- Sen. Robert Norris



Three Budgeting Committees

Joint Fiscal Committee

- Rep. Emilie Kornheiser – Chair [House Ways & Means]
- Sen. Ann Cummings – Vice-Chair [Sen. Finance]
- Sen. Scott Beck – Clerk [Sen. Finance]
- Rep. James Harrison [House Approps]
- Rep. Charles Kimbell [House Ways & Means]
- Sen. Ginny Lyons [Sen. Approps]
- Sen. Andrew Perchlik [Sen. Approps]
- Rep. Robin Scheu [House Approps]
- Sen. Richard Westman [Sen. Approps]
- Rep. Theresa Wood [House Human Svcs.]



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