



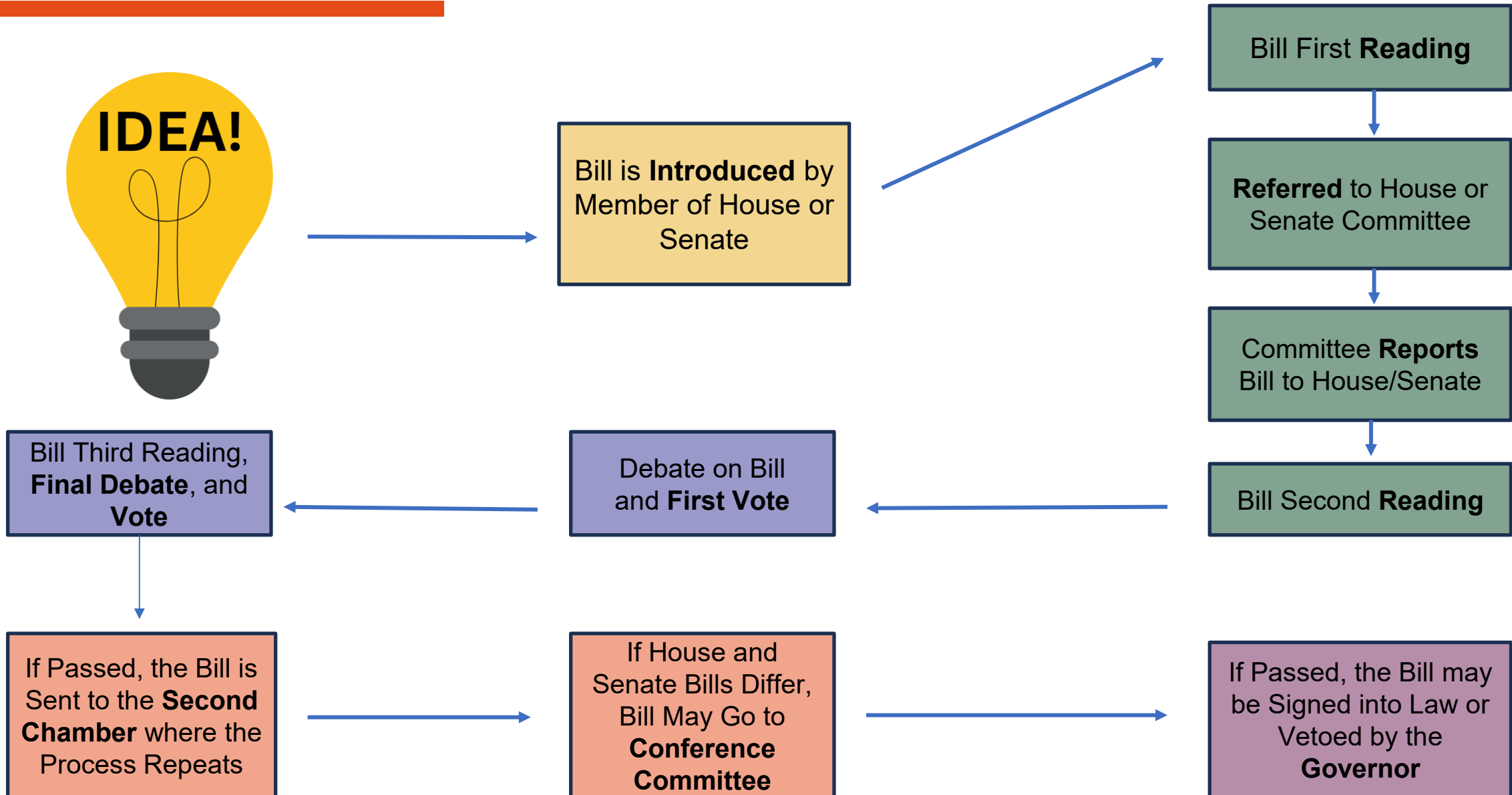
# ECDL '26 State Budget Workshop

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# Bill Consideration Process - How a Bill Becomes a Law



# Crafting the State Budget

<b>July 1</b>	Beginning of State Fiscal Year (referred to by calendar year of second half of fiscal year – so July 2024 = FY25)
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
Dec/Jan - March	Appropriations Committees, full chambers 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
<b>June 30</b>	End of State Fiscal Year

# Three Budgeting Committees

## House Committee on Appropriations

- Rep. Robin Scheu, Chair
- Rep. Marty Feltus, 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. Marty Feltus [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.]



# '26 Session Climate

Mostly “normal” budget process:

- Normal FY26 Budget Adjustment Process [Jan.-March]
- Normal FY27 Budget Process [Feb.-May]
- Policy Cmtes. in House submitted letters as usual – Senate letters unlikely
- Lots of comments from leadership about how tight the budget will be

However, outstanding issues remain:

- Impacts of future federal budget cuts/changes unknown
- Large, expensive questions unresolved



# Alliance Leg Agenda

## FY27 Budget Issues

### Larger

- Emergency Shelter (GA)
- PCC Network (assistors)
- SNAP State Funding

### Smaller

- Vermont 211
- Reach Up
- CACFP Sponsor Funding
- ECE Funding/Bill

### Minimal Impact

- Doula Medicaid Access
- Background checks
- CIS Funding
- Fingerprinting

# FY27 Budget: Process So Far

## **Governor's Recommended FY27 Budget**

- Relatively few surprises, but some key spending items not included
- Few policy initiatives being proposed (exception: Ed System, GA/Shelter)
- No large cuts or increases in other EC areas, several smaller ones

## **House Policy Committee Letters to House Appropriations Cmte.**

- Leg Agenda budget requests in several (Human Svcs., Ag., Ed., Health Care)

# FY27 Budget Process: Next Steps

## House Appropriations Budget Approval

- Major issues not resolved – property tax buy-down, education reform, etc.
- Overall “envelope” (spending amounts) not finalized – more revenue??
- Has to be done at least in principle by Friday March 20

## Senate Budget Consideration

- Overview begun in Sen. Approps, policy committees not focusing on budget



We're here for you – please be in touch!

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