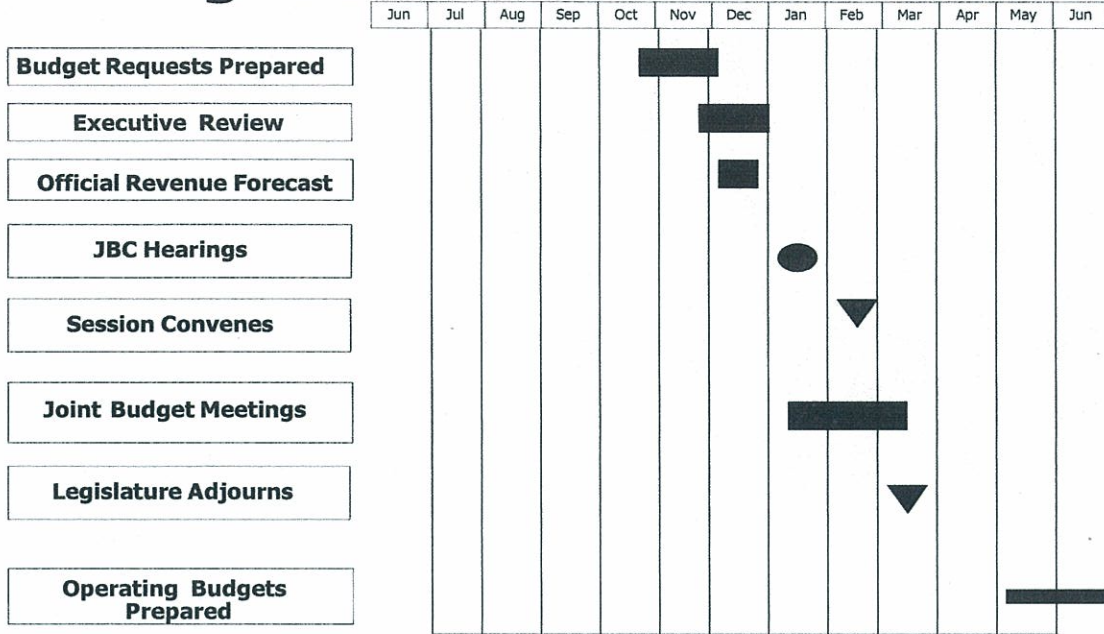


2014 FISCAL SESSION

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Handout 2*

Budget Calendar – Fiscal Session

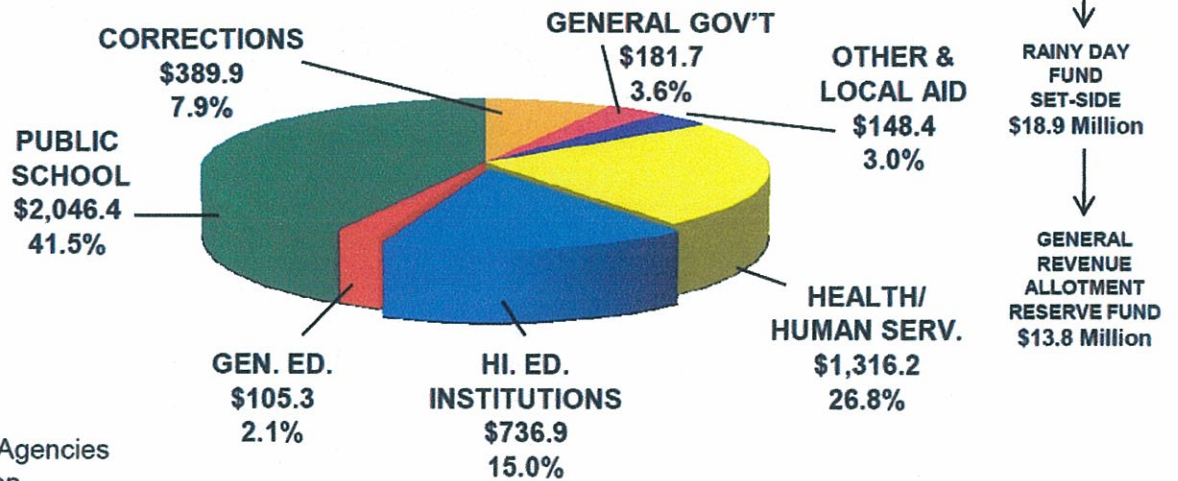


- **12-1-2013** - DFA Revenue Forecast for FY2015.
- **1-13-2014** - First Day Appropriation Bills and Resolutions may be pre-filled.
- **1- 2014** - Budget Hearings start in Big Mac Room A.
- **2-10-2014** - Fiscal Session starts.
- **2-10-2014** - Deadline for filing Concurrent Resolutions for Non-Appropriation bills.
- **2-24-2014** - Bill filing deadline for appropriation bills and non-appropriation bills for which a concurrent resolution has been approved.
- **3-11-2014** - 30 Days from the start of Session which is the end of a Fiscal Session unless extended by a 3/4 vote.
- **3-26-2014** - 45 Days from the start of Session which is the longest a Fiscal Session may last (if extended).

Fiscal Session Budget Hearings

- Budget manuals will be delivered to BLR staff and posted on the Legislative web-site at least one week prior to the start of budget hearings in January 2014.
- The Department of Higher Education will provide manuals for all the institutions which will include the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) recommendation.
- DFA - Office of Budget will assemble manuals for the other Big-6 state entities and any other agency approved by the Legislative Council prior to the December meeting. The manuals will include a executive recommendation for each agency.
- BLR budget staff will give a summary of the agency or institution request and the Executive/AHECB recommendation during the fiscal budget hearings.
- The Big Six are Institutions of Higher Education, Department of Education Public School Fund Account, Department of Corrections, Department of Community Corrections, Department of Health and the Department of Human Services.
- The Big Six are allocated approximately 94% of all the General Revenue distributed.

DISTRIBUTION OF FY 2014 "NET AVAILABLE" GENERAL REVENUES
\$4,957.6 Million *



*Distribution to State Agencies
 \$4,924.8 Million
 Bureau of Legislative Research

Fiscal Session Possible JBC Subcommittees

- Joint Budget Subcommittees usually appointed by the Joint Budget Chairs during a Fiscal Session are Special Language and Personnel.
 - The Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan Committee (commonly known as the Personnel Committee) is a standing subcommittee of the Legislative Council and appointed subcommittee of the Joint Budget Committee. It assists the full committee in performing its responsibility for state employees and officials in personnel matters.
 - The Special Language Subcommittee may be appointed by the Joint Budget Committee to assist and make recommendations regarding language (referred to and titled as “Special Language”) in appropriation bills that is germane to the subject matter of that appropriation bill.
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Type of Bill:

Agency Appropriation Bills

- Appropriation bills drafted for the 2014 Fiscal Session provide spending authority for State Agencies and Institutions for the 2015 Fiscal Year. The 2015 State Fiscal Year is from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.
- Bills sponsored by the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) are initially drafted based on the 2012 Arkansas Legislative Council /Joint Budget Committee recommendation and shall include changes or amendments passed in the 2013 Regular Session.
- Member and Joint Budget appropriation bills may be filed from 1-13-2014 to 2-24-2014.
- Members may choose to amend regular salary, appropriation and or special language sections to any appropriation bill in Joint Budget.
- BLR Fiscal Staff will coordinate drafting and filing of all appropriation bills.

Supplemental Appropriation Bills

- Supplemental appropriation bills provide additional positions, appropriation and/or new special language for State Agencies or Institutions for the current fiscal year (FY2014) and usually for an existing appropriation.
- Supplementals may be drafted by a member or requested with a Governors Letter.

Reappropriation Bills

- Reappropriation bills provide spending authority to spend remaining fund balances. Appropriations (which provide spending authority) may only be drafted for one fiscal year, therefore Reappropriations provide authority for State Agencies or Institutions to spend balances remaining at the end of the fiscal year in the next fiscal year and for the exact same purpose as originally appropriated.

Non-appropriation bills

- Non-appropriation or substantive bills should be drafted by the BLR Legal Staff and require a Concurrent Resolution which must receive a 2/3 vote of approval by both chambers to be introduced during a Fiscal Session.
 - Concurrent Resolutions must be introduced from 1-13-2014 to 2-10-2014.
 - Non-Appropriation bills that have been approved through a Concurrent Resolution must be filed by 2-24-2014.
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Amendments

- Members may choose to introduce amendments to State Agency or Institution draft bills in Joint Budget. Members amend bills referred to the Joint Budget Committee by adding new, deleting existing, or modifying appropriations, positions or special language.

Governors Letter

- Governors Letters from the Executive branch are submitted to the Joint Budget Committee for requests for new appropriation bills or amendments to appropriations, positions or special language.
- The Governors Letters must first be adopted as requested or modified by the Joint Budget Committee before a bill can be drafted or amended.

Revenue Stabilization Act (RSA)

- A Concurrent Resolution must be filed by February 10 and requires a two third vote by each chamber to allow a Revenue Stabilization Act to be introduced. This RSA bill for General Revenue allocations (condensed example of RSA schedule below) must be submitted to each chamber at least three days before it may become an Act.

2013-2014 REVENUE STABILIZATION LAW ALLOCATIONS

REVENUE STABILIZATION CONDENSED SCHEDULE

FUND ACCOUNTS	2012-13 FY Forecast Distribution	2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR			TOTAL ALLOCATION
		"A"	"B"	"C"	
TOTAL - PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND	\$ 1,999,533,208	\$ 2,046,398,582	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,046,398,582
TOTAL GENERAL ED. FUND	\$ 101,709,864	\$ 103,431,719	\$ 1,920,369	\$ -	\$ 105,352,088
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES FUND	\$ 1,131,626,691	\$ 1,125,702,489	\$ 98,728,827	\$ 1,775,000	\$ 1,226,206,316
Dept. of Ark. Heritage	\$ 6,203,610	\$ 6,405,925	\$ 215,658	\$ -	\$ 6,621,583
Dept. of Agriculture	15,851,863	16,249,015	1,645,467	0	17,894,482
Dept. of Labor	3,005,407	3,151,763	57,023	0	3,208,786
Dept. of Higher Education	3,291,808	3,291,808	148,920	0	3,440,728
Dept. of H.E.-Grants	34,491,806	36,491,806	415,660	0	36,907,466
Dept. of Economic Development	10,311,798	10,460,081	278,043	0	10,738,124
Dept. of Correction	298,842,000	308,632,534	3,678,195	687,500	312,998,229
Dept. of Community Correction	69,975,623	72,505,152	4,380,620	0	76,885,772
State Military Department	9,466,483	9,666,944	140,454	0	9,807,398
Dept. of Parks & Tourism	22,607,437	23,322,193	409,408	0	23,731,601
Dept. of Environmental Quality	4,210,633	4,345,521	64,737	0	4,410,258
Miscellaneous Agencies	56,788,049	62,229,670	2,707,964	0	64,937,634
TOTAL STATE GENERAL GOVT	\$ 535,046,517	\$ 556,752,412	\$ 14,142,149	\$ 687,500	\$ 571,582,061
County Aid	\$ 19,645,067	\$ 19,645,067	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 21,645,067
County Jail Reimbursement	9,453,607	9,453,607	0	0	9,453,607
Crime Information System	3,681,833	3,727,388	57,679	0	3,785,067
Child Support Enforcement	12,951,328	12,951,328	166,393	0	13,117,721
Health Department	90,838,467	87,798,265	592,803	1,587,500	89,978,568
Merit Adjustment Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0
Municipal Aid	27,372,099	27,372,099	2,000,000	0	29,372,099
State Police	62,293,971	64,781,579	2,141,692	0	66,923,271
Dept. of Workforce Services	3,775,642	3,901,924	0	0	3,901,924
Dept. of Information Systems	0	200,000	0	0	200,000
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	\$ 230,012,014	\$ 229,831,257	\$ 6,958,567	\$ 1,587,500	\$ 238,377,324
TOTAL INST'S OF HIGHER ED.	\$ 729,571,706	\$ 724,371,706	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 2,600,000	\$ 736,971,706
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 4,727,500,000	\$ 4,786,488,165	\$ 131,749,912	\$ 6,650,000	\$ 4,924,888,078

*Once "A" is Fully Funded \$18,891,427 is Set-Aside as Rainy Day Funds.