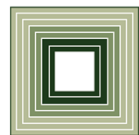


Education Appropriations Subcommittee Overview

**Joint Subcommittee on Education
Appropriations
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FISCAL RESEARCH DIVISION
A Staff Agency of the North Carolina General Assembly

Presentation Outline

1. Committee Operations
2. Fiscal Research Division
3. Budget Process



Committee Operations

- The Full Appropriations Committees are divided into subcommittees by budget area.
- The Education Appropriations Subcommittees are responsible for developing the budgets for:
 - Public schools
 - North Carolina Community College System
 - The University of North Carolina System
 - Private colleges and schools (State appropriations issues only)

Committee Operations

- Meeting jointly for the next several weeks to hear educational presentations about the agencies' budgets.
 - House and Senate will each meet separately to create their versions of the budget after the joint work is complete.
- Meetings will provide committee members a base of knowledge on which to make informed budget decisions.
- Please ask questions.

Committee Operations

- Committee folders contain:

Left Side

Committee membership

Glossary

List of acronyms

Guidance for Joint meetings

Right Side

Daily presentation

- The right side of the folders will be emptied after each presentation is finished. Items on the left will remain in the folders.



Fiscal Research Division

- FRD is a nonpartisan, professional staff serving all 170 members of the NCGA.
- Powers and duties include:
 - Analyzing requests and recommendations for appropriations;
 - Examining State operations and recommending efficiencies;
 - Conducting special studies; and
 - Reviewing and evaluating compliance with legislative directives.

Fiscal Research Division

- Primary responsibilities during Session are:
 - Staffing the Appropriation committees.
 - Preparing fiscal notes as necessary.
- FRD is organized in teams by subject area.
- Work with the Bill Drafting and Research Divisions to provide staff support for the budget process.

Our main goal is to help you make informed decisions.



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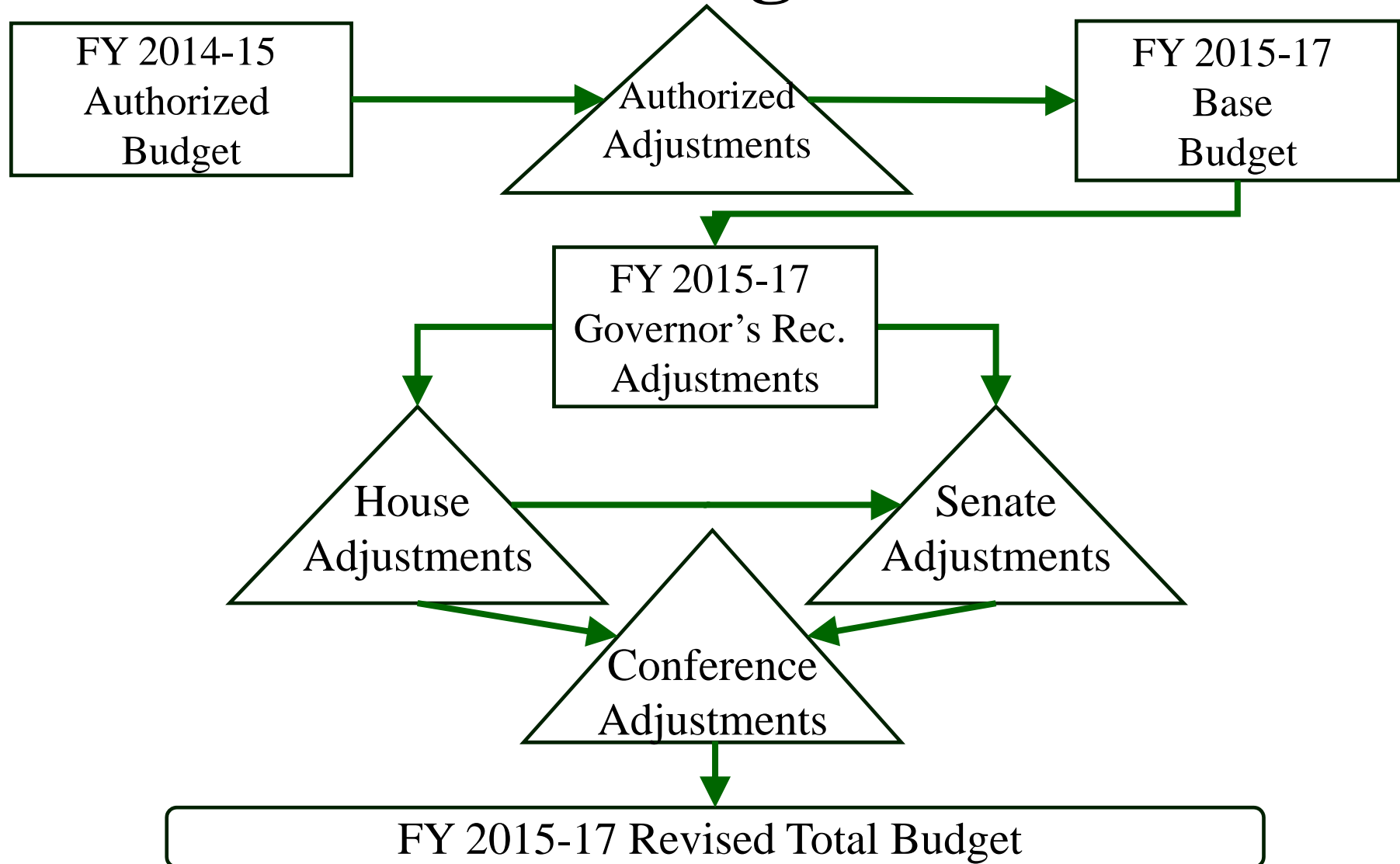
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Budget Process

- NC has a biennial budget.
- In the long session, the NCGA passes a two-year budget.
- In the short session, typically adjustments are made to the second year of the biennial budget.
- House and Senate rotate preparation. The House takes the lead for the 2015 Session.



2015-17 Budget Process



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