



# Legislative Budget Office of the Legislative Service Commission

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## LEGISLATOR'S QUICK GUIDE TO NONPARTISAN BUDGET PRODUCTS & SERVICES

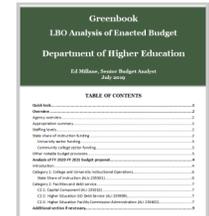
**BASILINE FORECAST:** forecast of GRF tax revenue and Medicaid expenditures based on current law

- ◆ Presented to the House and Senate Finance Committees at the beginning of their respective budget process
- ◆ Updated and presented to the Conference Committee on the main operating budget



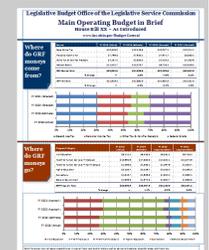
**REDBOOKS:** comprehensive analysis of the executive budget proposal (the introduced version of a budget bill), agency by agency; produced at the beginning of the budget process

**GREENBOOKS:** similar to Redbooks but analyze the enacted budget and focus more on the GRF; agency by agency; produced after the enactment of the budget



**BUDGET IN BRIEF:** the big picture of an operating budget bill

- ◆ The main operating budget in brief focuses on the GRF and is updated for each of the four key decision points (Introduced, House Passed, Senate Passed, and Enacted)
- ◆ The transportation and workers' compensation budgets in brief are updated twice: Introduced and Enacted



**BILL ANALYSIS:** detailed analysis of the Revised Code and various non-appropriation programmatic changes by LSC's Office of Research and Drafting staff

**AMENDMENTS:** (and substitute bills): reflect legislative changes to the executive budget proposal

- ◆ Send amendment drafting requests to [RequestLSC@lsc.ohio.gov](mailto:RequestLSC@lsc.ohio.gov)
- ◆ Or contact LSC Finance liaisons
  - ◇ LSC email address convention: [FirstName.LastName@lsc.ohio.gov](mailto:FirstName.LastName@lsc.ohio.gov)

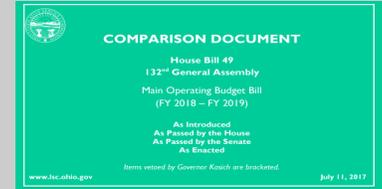
House Finance liaisons:  
ORD—Amanda Goodman  
LBO—Shannon Pleiman; Robert Meeker

Senate Finance liaisons:  
ORD—Jeffery Grim; Nick Thomas  
LBO—Nicholas Blaine; Maggie West

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**COMPARE DOC:** a comparative analysis of an operating budget bill

- ◆ Designed to see clearly and concisely the differences of each budget provision in different versions of the budget
- ◆ Consists of a brief description and a summary analysis of the fiscal effect of each provision
- ◆ Includes a unique CD number (e.g., EDUCD15) for each entry to enable easy tracking of a provision's changes throughout the entire budget process
- ◆ From the beginning to the end, there are 10 versions of the Compare Doc to coincide with each budget decision point
- ◆ Expands from a one-column base document to a four-column Compare Doc that summarizes each budget provision as it exists in the Introduced (Executive), House Passed, Senate Passed, and Enacted versions of the budget bill.



**FEE LIST:** the fee change related Compare Doc entries are compiled into a separate document and updated four times during the budget process

**APPROPRIATION SPREADSHEET:** details line item appropriations for each agency, comparing each item's appropriations as they exist in different versions of the budget.

- ◆ Similar to the Compare Doc, from beginning to end 10 versions of the Appropriation Spreadsheet to coincide with each budget decision point
- ◆ Begins with two tables that summarize total GRF and all-funds appropriations, respectively, for each agency



Together, the **Compare Doc** and **Appropriation Spreadsheet** summarize the legislative changes to the executive budget proposal.

**SCHOOL FUNDING:** district-by-district estimate of foundation aid formulas

**BUDGET FOOTNOTES:** monthly publication (including an infographic version) that tracks the status of the GRF, various budget issues, and the economy

**CATALOG OF BUDGET LINE ITEMS:** provides information on every line item for every state agency; published annually in the fall; also updated at the beginning of the budget process

**OHIO FACTS:** Biennial publication that provides a broad overview of Ohio's economy, public finances, and major government programs

**STATE SPENDING BY COUNTY:** Annual publication that breaks down state operating subsidies and capital spending county by county

**HISTORICAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES:** Annually updated tables in Excel and pdf formats; some tables go back to the 1970s