REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 2023

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STATE BUDGET PROCESS

- > September Process begins with revenue estimating
- ➤ November 1st Agencies submit budget requests
 - Executive Budget Office staff receive and analyze requests
- ➤ November/December Meetings with agencies to discuss their budget requests, discussion of priorities with Governor Ivey, and formulating early drafts of the budgets
 - Follow up meetings with agencies as necessary
 - Governor Ivey meets with legislative leadership for input on policy matters
 - Budgets are finalized and prepared in the last week before the Regular Session begins

REVENUE ESTIMATES AND ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

> Alabama's economy remains resilient:

Alabama Unemployment Rate: 2.6%

Nationwide Unemployment Rate: 3.4%

State General Fund Revenues	Education Trust Fund Revenues
FY 2022 Growth - 8.44 %	FY 2022 Growth - 20.54%
FY 2024 Estimated Growth - 0.16%	FY 2024 Estimated Growth - 3.81%

2024 BUDGET – GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL

General Fund

Total Proposed FY 2024 Budget \$2.97 billion

8.42% increase over FY 2023

2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET PRIORITIES

- Increase Reserve Funds
- Target <u>Sustainable</u> Agency Operational Increase
- Target One-Time Capital Needs (no recurring operational obligations)

- > State Employee Compensation
- > Address SEIB Rate Increase
- Medicaid/Corrections
- > Inflationary Costs

2024 BUDGET – GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL

Education Trust Fund

Total Proposed FY 2024 Budget \$8.79 billion

6.50% increase over FY 2023

2024 EDUCATION TRUST FUND BUDGET PRIORITIES

- > Tax Rebate
- > Retire Debt
- ➤ Capital Projects Funding for K-I2 and Higher Ed (one-time investments and deferred maintenance)
- Statewide Economic/Workforce Development Projects
- Prison Education

- > Teacher Compensation
- Pre-K High-Needs Classrooms
- Targeted K-12 Funding: Numeracy Act, Literacy Act, Afterschool/Summer Learning Programs, OCE
- Creating and Sustaining Child-CarePrograms and Access
- > Higher Ed Increases

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