

State Government Weekly Update

July 19, 2024

State Legislative Session Map

- 6 States in Regular Session
- 42 States Out of Session
- 2 States in Special Session



State Government Round-Up

Massachusetts - A weeks-long, closed-door effort to hammer out a final fiscal year 2025 state budget came to a close Wednesday when top Democratic negotiators announced they had reached an "agreement in principle" on the overdue spending plan. Details about what made it into the deal were not immediately available. Learn more here.

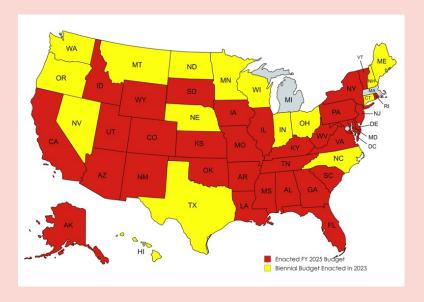
Nebraska – A special session of the legislature begins on July 25 to debate Governor Jill Pillen's plan to reduce property taxes. The plan proposes new taxes on certain goods or services and phasing out most local K-12 property taxes over three years. Learn more here.

Check Out Our State Budget Tracker Below!

State Government Round-Up Continued

New Mexico – Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham officially called lawmakers back to the state capitol for a special session to adopt a handful of bills addressing gun safety, fire relief, fentanyl, organized crime, the mentally ill, pedestrian safety, criminal justice procedural issues, and how crime data is tracked. **Learn more here.**

Pennsylvania - Gov. Josh Shapiro signed a \$47.6 billion budget package that represents a 6.2% increase in spending and provides more money for public schools, students attending state colleges and human services. The spending plan, which is about \$700 million less than Shapiro's March budget proposal, nonetheless includes funding for several of his marquee initiatives. They include hundreds of millions for a strategic economic plan and a funding increase for public transit. Learn more here.



State Budget Tracker

As of July 19, 48 states have enacted a budget for FY 2025. Sixteen of those states enacted a biennial budget during their 2023 legislative session.

- Forty-six states will begin fiscal year 2025 on July 1.
- New York begins its fiscal year on April 1.
- Texas begins its fiscal year on September 1.
- Alabama and Michigan begin their fiscal year on October 1.

A full list of states and budget information can be accessed here.



What We Are Reading

- If Biden Does Drop Out, What Will Happen to States' Ballots?; Governing
- Major federal bridge grants jump-start long-stalled projects; Route-Fifty
- Maryland wants invasive fish out of the water – and on your dinner table; Washington Post



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 Associated Builders and Contractors
 (Washington DC)
- Manager of State and Local Government Affairs; Spotify (New York)
- Senior Manager, State Government Relations; Major League Baseball (New York)

 Senior Manager, US State Public Policy; Discord (San Francisco/Remote)

Industry Happenings and Important Events

July 24-26

ALEC Annual Meeting in Denver, CO

August 5-7

NCSL Legislative Summit in Louisville, KY

August 19-22

Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL



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