

State Government Weekly Update

June 26, 2024

State Legislative Session Map

- 39 States in Regular Session
- 8 States Out of Session
- 3 States in Special Session



State Government Round-Up

California - Democratic lawmakers and Governor Gavin Newsom reached a budget agreement on Saturday to address a nearly \$47 billion deficit after weeks of debate on spending priorities. According to an Assembly floor report obtained by The Sacramento Bee, the \$297.9 billion spending plan includes funding for a contentious state homelessness grant program, deeper cuts to the prison budget than initially proposed by the governor, and a postponement of the scheduled minimum wage increase for healthcare workers. Learn more here.

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State Government Round-Up Continued

California - Almost 400 water systems serving nearly a million Californians don't meet state requirements for safe and reliable drinking water supplies — and fixing them would cost billions of dollars. More than two-thirds of these failing water systems serve communities of color, and more than half are in places struggling with poverty and pollution, according to an annual assessment released by the State Water Resources Control Board. It is estimated that it will cost \$16 billion over the next five years to ensure safe, affordable and accessible water supplies for all Californians.

Connecticut - The governor, along with Senate and House leaders, have unveiled a 10-point agenda for the first of two special sessions set to commence on Wednesday. Among the Senate's

North Carolina - The Senate approved late Monday a budget adjustment measure that is stripped down and spends less compared to similar legislation advanced by their House GOP counterparts last week. The Senate voted 27-19 along party lines for the Republican-drawn measure, which alters the second year of a two-year budget enacted by the General Assembly last fall. With Republicans from each chamber currently unwilling to consider the other chamber's proposal, GOP leaders have signaled they're ready to send colleagues home after this week without a budget adjustment agreement. They could return later in the summer to act if the standoff eases. Learn more here.

Pennsylvania - The House passed a bill on a bipartisan basis Tuesday that would expand

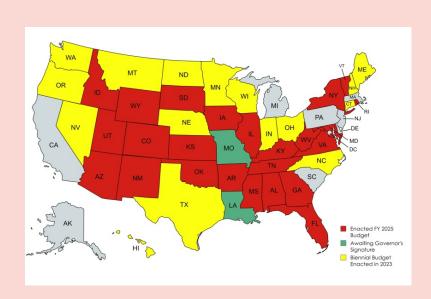
priorities for Wednesday's session are measures to prevent tax hikes, enhance transparency in school construction projects, foster a better business environment for financial services and insurers, and empower a state water management agency to acquire other water companies. **Learn more here.**

Delaware - Delaware lawmakers approved on Thursday a \$6.13 billion general fund operating budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, an increase of more than 9% from this year's operating budget. House and Senate lawmakers also approved a separate "supplemental budget" bill of more than \$168.3 million, using one-time appropriations. The operating budget is about \$54 million higher than what Democratic Gov. John Carney recommended in January. The supplemental spending bill is \$76 million higher than what Carney proposed. Learn more here.

Massachusetts - The state Senate passed a wideranging bill curtailing the use of plastics, including barring the purchase of single-use plastic bottles by state agencies. The bill also bans carry-out plastic bags at retailers statewide and requires stores to charge ten cents for recycled paper bags. It also requires straws and plasticware to be available only by request and creates a program to recycle large items like car seats. It now heads to the House. Learn more here.

insurance coverage for contraception in the state. House Bill 1140, sponsored by state Rep. Leanne Krueger (D-Delaware), would require insurance programs like Medicaid and CHIP to provide coverage of contraceptive care without cost sharing, such as deductibles or copays. Learn more here.

South Carolina - Legislators agreed Friday to a \$14.4 billion spending package that further reduces South Carolina income taxes, repairs aging bridges and raises public employees' salaries. A six-member budget negotiating committee voted unanimously on the plan that keeps Clemson University's new veterinarian school on track to open in 2026, while also pumping \$100 million into a medical campus at the University of South Carolina. It also includes more than \$400 million for various community projects sponsored by legislators. Learn more here.



State Budget Tracker

As of June 26, 39 states have enacted a budget for FY 2025. Sixteen of those states enacted a biennial budget during their 2023 legislative session. Budgets in two states are currently waiting for the Governor to act.

- 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

- An Interstate Effort to Address Health-Care Shortages; Governing.com
- California Voters Prefer Term Limits for Local Offices; Governing.com
- As Budgets Tighten, States Weigh Whether to Tap Rainy Day Funds; Pew Charitable Trusts
- A Closer Look at State Lawmakers' Efforts To Bring Down Health Care Costs; Washington Post



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Industry Happenings and Important Events

June 27

PAC Raffles, Sweepstakes & Auctions, Public Affairs Council Webinar

July 15-18

Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, WI

August 5-7

NCSL Legislative Summit in Louisville, KY

August 19-22

Democratic National Convention in Chicago, IL



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