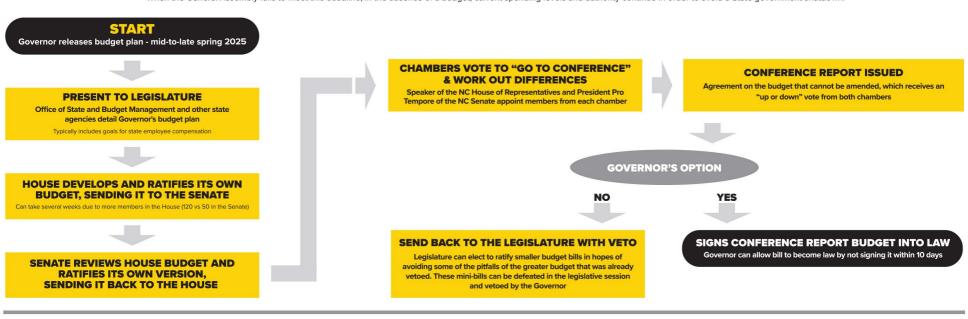
N.C. LEGISLATIVE BIENNIAL BUDGET PROCESS

2025 — "Long session" of General Assembly

(odd-numbered years)

By law, this process should be **completed by July 1**, which marks the beginning of the next fiscal year. When the General Assembly fails to meet this deadline, in the absence of a budget, current spending levels and authority continue in order to avoid a State government shutdown.



2026 — "Short session" of General Assembly

(even-numbered years)

START Both chambers return - late spring 2026

Both chambers tweak budget based on new revenues and other factors
END SHORT SESSION