# **Education Appropriations Subcommittee Overview**

House Subcommittee on Education Appropriations February 5, 2019



## **Presentation Outline**

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# **Committee Operations**

- The Full Appropriations Committees are divided into subcommittees by budget area.
- The Education Appropriations
  Subcommittees are responsible for developing
  the budgets for:
  - Public schools
  - North Carolina Community College System
  - The University of North Carolina System, including:
    - State-funded financial aid programs
    - Opportunity Scholarships, Children with Disabilities Grants, Education Savings Accounts

# **Committee Operations**

- Usually, long sessions begin with joint meetings of the House and Senate over the course of several weeks to hear educational presentations about the agencies' budgets.
  - Topics that may be covered:
    - Budget 101: common terms, documents, and process
    - Agency introductions
    - Budget overviews by agency (DPI, NCCCS, UNC)
    - Presentation of the Governor's budget

## **Fiscal Research Division**

- FRD is a nonpartisan, professional staff serving all 170 members of the NCGA. With the Research Division and the Bill Drafting Division, we are your central staff.
- Our responsibilities include:
  - Analyzing proposals and requests for appropriations;
  - Responding to requests for information;
  - Researching, compiling and communicating information in our subject areas; and
  - Reviewing and evaluating agency compliance with legislative directives.

#### **Fiscal Research Division**

- Primary responsibilities during Session are:
  - Staffing the Appropriation committees.
  - Preparing fiscal notes/memos.
  - Preparing budget documents and tracking legislation and decisions that impact the budget in our area.
- FRD is organized in teams by subject area.
- Work with the Bill Drafting and Research Divisions to provide staff support for the budget process.

Our main goal is to provide factual, unbiased information that will help Legislators make informed decisions.

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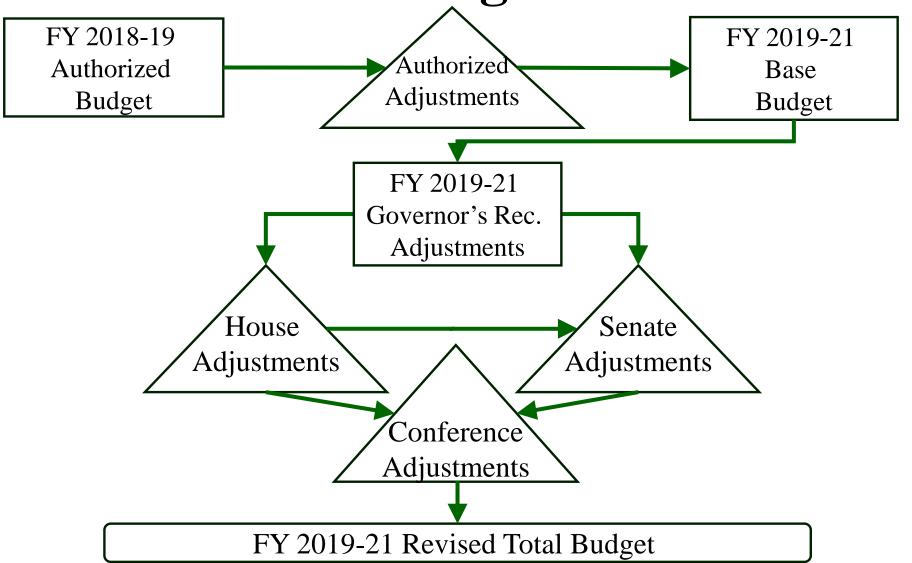
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# **Budget Process**

- NC has a biennial budget.
- In the long session, the NCGA passes a two-year budget.
- In the short session adjustments are made to the second year of the biennial budget.
- House and Senate rotate leading off session. The House takes the lead for the 2019 Session.

## 2019-21 Budget Process



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