

## **Legislative Reports on the Budget**

### **Legislative Law §54. Report on the budget**

1. Upon passage of appropriation bills by both the senate and the assembly, the senate and the assembly shall issue either jointly or separately a summary of changes to the budget submitted by the governor in accordance with article seven of the constitution. The summary shall be in such a form as to indicate whether the budget as amended provides that, for the general fund, any changes in anticipated disbursements are balanced by changes in anticipated receipts. The summary shall be accompanied by descriptions of changes to both receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail as is necessary to describe legislative action on the governor's budget submission. The summary shall be in such format as determined by the senate and the assembly, either jointly or separately, and may be issued separately, as part of the report required by section twenty-two-b of the state finance law or may be included within the introductory memoranda or fiscal committee memoranda relating to such legislation or in such other manner as may be determined by the senate and the assembly, either separately or jointly.

2. (a) The legislature shall enact a budget for the upcoming fiscal year that it determines is balanced in the general fund.

(b) Before voting upon an appropriation bill submitted by the governor and related legislation, as amended, in accordance with article seven of the constitution, each house shall place on the desks of its members a report relating to each such bill and, preceding final action on all such appropriation bills and legislation, members shall be so provided with a comprehensive, cumulative report relating to all such bills and legislation.

(c) The reports prepared by each house shall include for the general fund a summary of proposed legislative revisions to the executive budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall separately identify and present all legislative additions, reestimates and other revisions that increase or decrease disbursements, and separately identify and present all legislative reestimates and other revisions that increase or decrease available resources. Such report shall, where practicable, display and separately identify and present all legislative additions, reestimates, and other revisions that increase or decrease state funds and all funds spending, including an estimate of the impact of the proposed revisions on local governments and the state workforce.

## **State Finance Law §22-b. Report of the legislature on the enacted budget**

Within thirty days of passage of the budget the senate and the assembly shall issue, either jointly or separately, a legislative report on the budget. Such report shall contain a description of appropriation changes between the budget submitted by the governor and the enacted budget and the effect of such changes on employment levels. Commencing with fiscal year nineteen hundred ninety-four-nineteen hundred ninety-five, such report shall also summarize changes in appropriations by function in a form suitable for comparison with the schedule required to be submitted with the governor's proposed budget. Commencing with fiscal year two thousand seven-two thousand eight, such report shall also include an estimate of the impact of the enacted budget on local governments, the state workforce, and general fund projections for the ensuing fiscal year, consistent with the requirements of subdivision one-c of section twenty-two of this article. The findings and descriptions contained in the report required by this section shall constitute the expression of legislative intent with respect to the budget to which such report relates.