

Timeline for Adoption of State Budget For 2020-2021

- Mid-May (anticipated to be by May 14) – The Governor will release a May Revision budget proposal, likely based upon a “workload” budget approach.
- June 15 – The deadline for the Legislature to pass a FY 20-21 budget to the Governor.
- August – The Legislature and Governor will amend the budget based upon 2019 income tax revenues. This could include cuts to existing state programs.
- Fall 2020 – The Legislature and Governor may adopt additional revisions to the budget, as needed.

In March, the Department of Finance directed state departments and agencies to prepare for a “workload” budget scenario. This would mean budgeting to maintain 2019-20 service levels for existing programs, with a possible COLA adjustment, and no expansion of services or creation of new programs. Policymakers are trying to mitigate cuts to public education, discussing tools such as deferrals.