

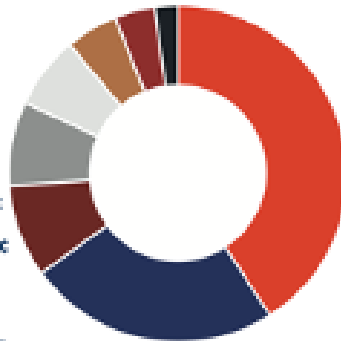
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State of the State and Budget Information

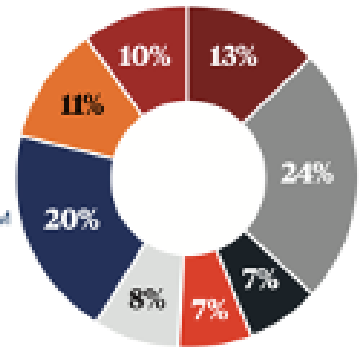
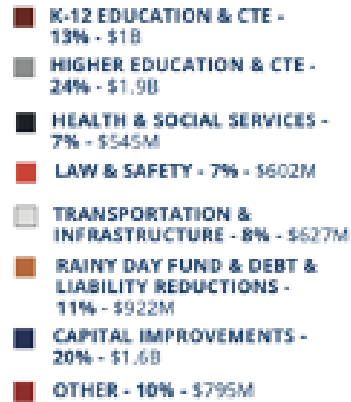
Monday night, Governor Bill Lee delivered his fourth State of the State address ([watch here](#)) and presented budget and legislative priorities to a joint session of the General Assembly. Key highlights from his speech are noted [here](#), and the full speech as prepared for delivery can be found on the Governor's website. A more detailed budget overview can be found [here](#). The proposed \$52.6 billion budget makes historic investments in the state's education system, as shown in the graphs below.

Tennessee's Finance and Administration Commissioner Butch Eley presented an overview of the FY2023 recommended budget to House and Senate finance committees this week. [You can find his full presentation here](#).

Where Each Tax Dollar Goes



New Allocations - \$8.085B



Senator Katrina Robinson Expelled from Senate

The Tennessee Senate voted to expel Senator Katrina Robinson (D-Memphis) this week, following a 2-year long indictment, trial and conviction. Robinson was initially charged with 48 counts of criminal activity and was eventually convicted on four federal wire fraud charges amounting to less than \$3,500. This is the first time that the Tennessee Senate has voted to expel someone from its chamber, although the event has previously taken place in the House.

The Shelby County Commission is expected to soon appoint a place holder for the seat.

Reminder

The 2021 year-end Employer Expenditure Report is due by February 14, 2022 for 2021 registered employers of lobbyists. The report covers July 1 through December 31, 2021.

Departmental Budget Hearings

Departmental budget hearings are set to begin next week where Commissioners and executive staff will make budget requests of the legislature. The **Senate's budget hearing calendar** is as follows:

Commerce and Labor

- Department of Economic and Community Development Tues 2/8
- Department of Labor and Workforce Development Tues 2/15
- Department of Financial Institutions Tues 2/15
- Bureau of TennCare/Healthcare Finance Administration Tues 2/22
- TN Public Utility Commission Tues 3/1
- Department of Commerce and Insurance Tues 3/1

Education

- State Board of Education Wed 2/9
- TN Public Charter School Commission Wed 2/9
- TN Higher Education Commission/TSAC Wed 2/16
- University of Tennessee Wed 2/16
- TN Board of Regents Wed 2/16
- TN Education Lottery Corporation Wed 2/16
- University of Memphis Wed 2/23
- Middle Tennessee State University Wed 2/23
- Tennessee State University Wed 2/23
- Austin Peay State University Wed 2/23
- East Tennessee State University Wed 3/2
- Tennessee Technical University Wed 3/2
- Department of Education Wed 3/9

Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Department of Agriculture Wed 2/9
- Department of Environment and Conservation Wed 2/16
- TN Wildlife Resources Agency Wed 2/23
- Department of Tourist Development Wed 3/2

Finance, Ways and Means

- Capital Budget Tues 2/8
- Comptroller of the Treasury Tues 2/15
- Secretary of State Tues 2/15
- TN State Museum Tues 2/15
- TACIR Tues 2/22
- Department of Finance and Administration Tues 2/22
- Treasury Tues 3/1
- Department of Revenue Tues 3/1
- TN Arts Commission Tues 3/8

Health and Welfare

- Department of Health Wed 2/9
- Health Services and Development Agency Wed 2/9
- Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Wed 2/16
- Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Wed 2/16
- Commission on Aging and Disability Wed 2/23
- Bureau of TennCare/Healthcare Finance Administration Wed 2/23
- Department of Children's Services Wed 3/2
- Commission on Children and Youth Wed 3/2
- Department of Human Services Wed 3/9

Judiciary

- Attorney General and Reporter Tues 2/15
- Office of Post Conviction Defender Tues 2/15
- District Attorneys General Conference Tues 2/22
- District Public Defenders Conference Tues 2/22
- TN Bureau of Investigation Tues 3/1
- Administrative Office of the Courts Tues 3/1

State and Local Government

- Alcoholic Beverage Commission Tues 2/8
- Registry of Election Finance/Ethics Commission Tues 2/8
- TN Historical Commission Tues 2/8
- TN Housing Development Agency Tues 2/8
- Department of Veteran Services Tues 2/15
- Department of Military Tues 2/15
- Department of Human Resources Tues 2/15
- TN Human Rights Commission Tues 2/15
- TN Corrections Institute Tues 2/22
- Board of Parole Tues 2/22
- TRICOR Tues 2/22
- Department of General Services Tues 3/1
- Department of Correction Tues 3/8

Transportation and Safety

- Department of Safety and Homeland Security Wed 2/9
- Department of Transportation Wed 2/16\

DSPs Send a "Thank You" to General Assembly for Pay Increase

Tennessee Community Organizations, a statewide trade association for service provider organizations that support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, thanked the General Assembly for recent pay increases with [this video](#) in legislative committees this week. Harris Frazier sends a big thank to our direct support professionals across the state for their valuable work!