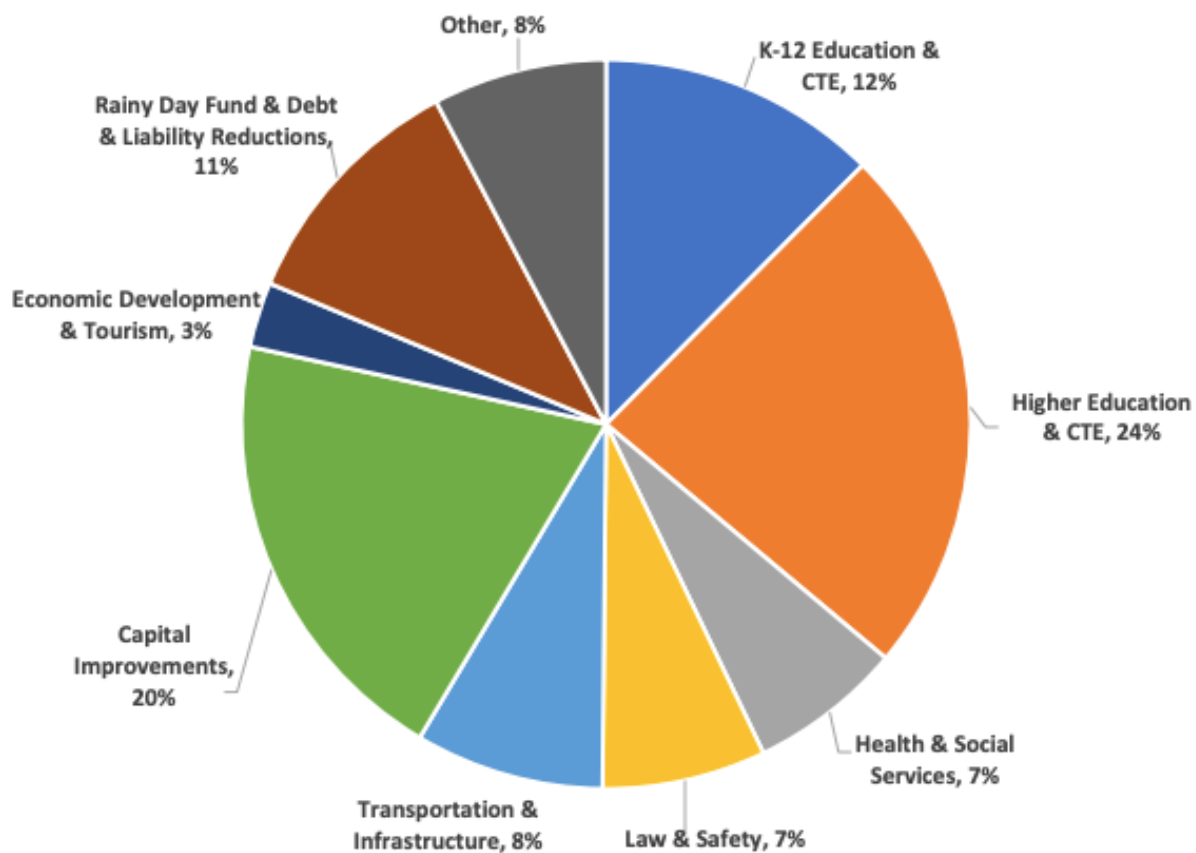


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## Budget Amendments

Finance and Administration Commissioner Butch Eley presented the Governor's amendment to the budget proposal he presented in early February. This signals the switch of focus from general bills to the state's FY22/23 budget. To view the administration's budget amendment, [click here](#).



The General Assembly also released roughly 200 of its own budget amendments. These lists are not available online, so please contact the Harris Frazier team if you need more information.

## TN Sued Over Congressional Residency Requirement Legislation

The state is being sued in federal court over the passage of a bill that creates more stringent requirements to run for a congressional primary seat. SB2616/HB2764, sponsored by Sen. Frank Niceley (R-Strawberry Plains) and Rep. Dave Wright (R-Corryton), requires three years state residency for a candidate to qualify for a congressional primary

election. The legislation presumably targets 5th Congressional seat candidate Morgan Ortagus, a former State Department official Fox News commentator endorsed by former President Donald Trump. Ortagus announced her candidacy for the seat a year after moving from DC to Nashville.

The bill has been sent to the Governor for his signature.

## **More Legislators Announce Retirement**

Rep Jerry Sexton (R-District 35) and Rep Brandon Ogles (R-District 61) joined the growing list of legislators to announce that they are not running for re-election this year.

The following current House and Senate members will also not seek re-election this year:

Rep Kent Calfee (R-District 32)

Rep Glen Casada (R-District 63)

Rep Michael Curcio (R-District 69)

Rep Curtis Halford (R-District 79)

Rep Jason Potts (D-District 59)

Rep Mike Stewart (D-District 52)

Sen Mike Bell (R-District 9)

Sen Brian Kelsey (R-District 31)

Sen London Lamar left her House seat in March to temporarily fill the vacant District 33 Senate seat, for which she is likely to seek election.

April 7 is the filing deadline to run for office.