

# Legislator's Quick Guide to Compare Doc & Budget in Detail



## Comparison Document

- ◇ Commonly known as the "Compare Doc"
- ◇ A comparative analysis of an operating budget bill
- ◇ Designed to help you move through each budget provision, seeing clearly and concisely the differences in different versions of the budget
- ◇ Consists of a brief description and a summary analysis of fiscal effects of each provision
- ◇ Includes a unique CD number for each entry to enable easy tracking of a provision's changes throughout the entire process
  - \* EDUCD270 – a unique number starts with a three letter code used in state accounting to identify an agency (e.g., EDU– Department of Education, followed by a CD number for the entry (CD270))
- ◇ From beginning to end, there are ten versions of the Compare Doc to coincide with each budget decision point.
  - \* Expands from a one-column base document to a four-column Compare Doc that summarizes each budget provision as it exists in the As Introduced (Executive), As Passed by the House, As Passed by the Senate, and As Enacted versions of the budget bill
- ◇ Used by the Conference Committee to make the final budget decisions
  - \* In this version, items on which the Executive, House, and Senate are in agreement are removed
- ◇ Does not compare line item appropriations, which are reflected in the Budget in Detail



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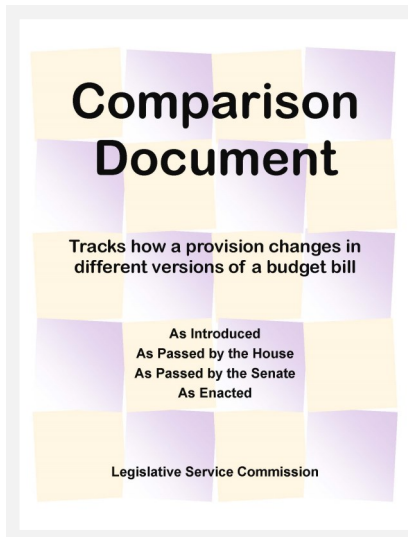
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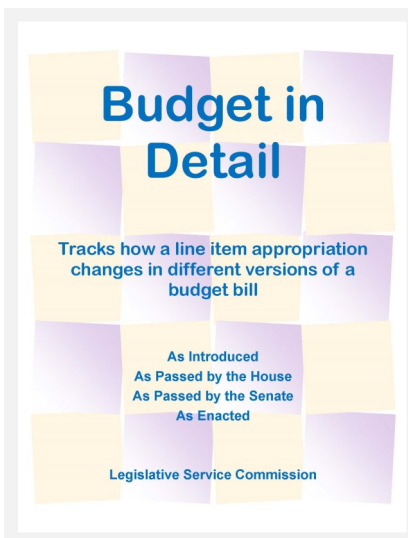


## Budget in Detail

- ◇ Commonly known as the "Spreadsheet"
- ◇ Details line item appropriations for each agency, comparing each line item's appropriations as they exist in different versions of the budget
- ◇ Begins with two tables that summarize total GRF and all-funds appropriations, respectively, for each agency
- ◇ From beginning to end, there are ten versions of the Spreadsheet to coincide with each budget decision point.
- ◇ Does not include earmark or any other statutory language changes, which are detailed in the Compare Doc
- ◇ Together, the Compare Doc and Spreadsheet summarize the legislative changes to the executive budget proposal.



Budget language changes...



Line item appropriation changes...

Versions of the Compare Doc					
Version	1st column (Executive)	2nd column (House)	3rd column (Senate)	4th column (Conference)	Due
1	Introduced				2-3 weeks after bill is introduced
2	Introduced	In House Finance			When substitute bill is adopted in House Finance
3	Introduced	House Finance Reported			When bill is on House floor
4	Introduced	House Passed			First hearing in Senate Finance
5	Introduced	House Passed	In Senate Finance		When substitute bill is adopted in Senate Finance
6	Introduced	House Passed	Senate Finance Reported		When bill is on Senate floor
7	Introduced	House Passed	Senate Passed		1-2 days after Senate approval
8*	Introduced	House Passed	Senate Passed		1-2 days after Senate approval
9	Introduced	House Passed	Senate Passed	Conference Amended	When conference report is on House/Senate floor
10	Introduced	House Passed	Senate Passed	Enacted	1-2 weeks after release of vetoes

\* Excludes items on which the Executive, House, and Senate are in agreement.

Versions of the Spreadsheet		Due
1 – As Introduced		When bill is introduced
2 – In House Finance		When substitute bill is adopted in House Finance
3 – As Reported by House Finance		When bill is on House floor
4 – As Passed by the House		First hearing in Senate Finance
5 – In Senate Finance		When substitute bill is adopted in Senate Finance
6 – As Reported by Senate Finance		When bill is on Senate floor
7 – As Passed by the Senate		1-2 days after Senate approval
8 – As Recommended by Conference Committee		When conference report is on House/Senate floor
9 – As Enacted		1-2 weeks after release of vetoes
10 – As Enacted with Actual for Prior Year		1-2 weeks after actual becomes available

Example of a Compare Doc Entry			
Department of Administrative Services Executive	Main Operating Appropriations Bill As Passed by the House    As Passed by the Senate		H.B. 59 As Enacted
<b>DASCD6 Job Classification Plans</b>			
<b>R.C. 124.14, 124.141, 124.15</b> (1) Limits job classification plans established by the Director to cover positions, offices, and employment in the service of the state rather than all positions funded "in whole or in part by the state."	<b>R.C. 124.14, 124.141</b> (1) Same as the Executive.	<b>R.C. 124.14, 124.141</b> (1) Same as the Executive.	<b>R.C. 124.14, Section 701.61</b> (1) Same as the Executive.
(2) Eliminates the requirement that the Director of DAS establish and maintain a job classification plan specifically by rule, and instead requires that the Director establish such a plan generally. Eliminates the requirement that if the Director establishes an appointment incentive program, it must be established by rule.	(2) No provision.	(2) No provision.	(2) Replaces the Executive provision with a provision that extends until July 1, 2015, the Director's authority to implement provisions of R.C. 124.14 (state job classification plan), R.C. 124.141 (appointment incentive program), and R.C. 124.15 (state employee pay ranges) that otherwise would require the adoption of rules without adopting rules. (H.B. 153 of the 129th G.A. provided this authority until January 1, 2014.)
<b>Fiscal effect: By eliminating the rulemaking requirements in (2), there could be a potential reduction in classification plan oversight costs paid from the Human Resources Operating Fund (Fund 1250).</b>	<b>Fiscal effect: None.</b>	<b>Fiscal Effect: Same as the House.</b>	<b>Fiscal Effect: Same as the Executive.</b>

Each Compare Doc entry starts with a CD number, followed by a subject heading and the related key Revised Code and uncodified sections. The main component includes a comparative synopsis and brief fiscal analysis of the provision.

### Q. When should I look for Compare Doc and Spreadsheet to come out?

There are generally 10 versions of the Compare Doc and 10 versions of the Spreadsheet for the main operating budget bill, although they do not line up exactly with each other. The versions and production timelines are shown in the above two tables. The release dates for the House and Senate substitute bills (versions 2 and 5) are directed by the House and Senate Finance chairs, respectively, as the substitute bill is not public until it is adopted by the committee or released by the chair. For all other versions, LSC will promptly make it available following each decision point. Versions 7 and 8 of the Compare Doc are the same, except that one has all provisions on which the Executive, House, and Senate are in agreement removed to assist in Conference Committee deliberations. There is no special version of the Spreadsheet prepared for the Conference Committee, which considers all line items regardless of whether an item's appropriations were changed or not. There is an extra Enacted version of the Spreadsheet that is released when actual spending for the prior year is finalized.