

WHY IT MATTERS:

# CERTIFYING THE 2018-2019 TEXAS STATE BUDGET

Comptroller Glenn Hegar certified that the Legislature's new budget is within the Texas Constitution's "pay-as-you-go" spending limit and the Comptroller's revenue estimate.\* The budget will direct state spending for fiscal 2018 and 2019.

The budget cannot go into effect without the Comptroller's certification.

For additional details on the budget process in Texas, please see the Texas Senate Research Center's publication, [Budget 101: A Guide to the Budget Process in Texas](#).

**JUNE 1, 2017** Date the Comptroller certified the budget.

THE BIG NUMBER: **\$216.8 BILLION**

That's how much Texas state government will spend over the next two years.

**\$7,781** Amount spent for every Texas resident.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The 2018-2019 budget includes

**\$106.7 BILLION** in General Revenue spending.

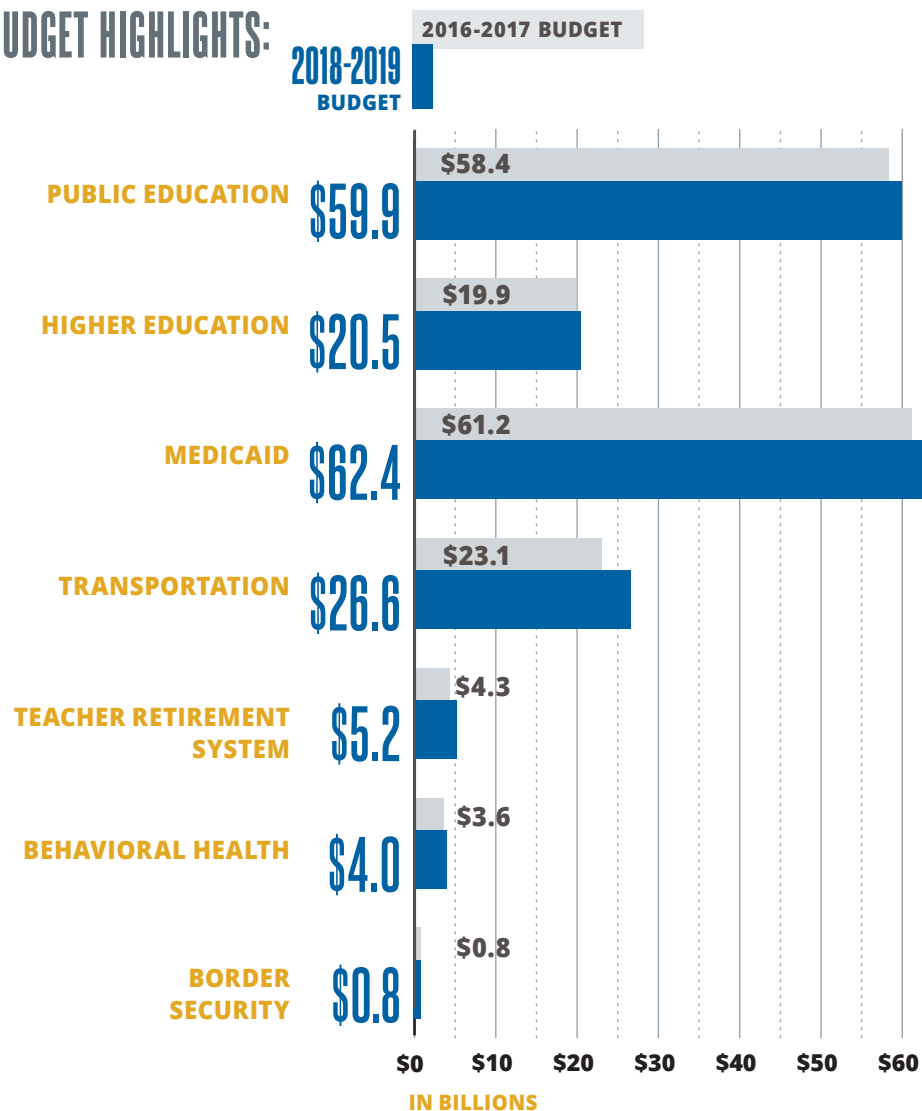
## THE PROCESS:

The budget process can be divided into four major phases, each involving numerous discrete steps:

- Planning and proposal
- Legislative action
- Review and approval by the Comptroller and the Governor
- Implementation and monitoring

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## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:



Source: Legislative Budget Board  
*Summary of Conference Committee Report for House Bill 1: Appropriations for the 2018-19 Biennium.*

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