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# Texas Public Higher Education

## Overview of Higher Education Institutions' Special Item Funding

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# Overview of Presentation

Related to Senate Higher Education Committee Interim Charge #5, General Academic Institution(GAI)/Health Related Institution(HRI) Funding: Conduct a comprehensive review of funding for GAIs and HRIs, examining whether the methodology for funding the same courses is equitable and productive. Make recommendations on how to update and streamline the current funding methods, to provide a consistent methodology that focuses on student success and innovative strategies. Include in the review a focus on tuition-revenue generating special items and formula and research funding for new medical schools.

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# Overview of Special Items

- State support for institutions of higher education includes funding for special items, which are direct appropriations to institutions for programs or projects that are specifically identified by the Legislature for support.
- Most special items are funded through General Revenue Funds, but there are a few special items that receive appropriations from General Revenue-Dedicated or Other Funds.
- Special item funding also includes Institutional Enhancement, which was established by the 76th Legislature, 1999, for the 2000-01 biennium. The initial Institutional Enhancement appropriation was based on a consolidation of certain special item appropriations in 1999, and an additional \$1.0 million per year was appropriated for each institution.

# Other Special Items

- Other types of special items include:
  - Institutional and instructional support;
  - Public service items;
  - Research items other than general research support;
  - Funding for separate campuses; and
  - Accreditation program items.

# 2016-17 Special Item Funding

- The Eighty-fourth Legislature, 2015, appropriated funding for 362 special items at all types of institutions of higher education.
- Biennial funding amounts for special items range from:
  - \$31,500 for Chihuahuan Desert Research at Sul Ross State University, to
  - \$61,397,900 for the School of Medicine at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.

# Special Item Appropriations by Type of Higher Education Institution

IN MILLIONS	2014-15 Appropriations	2016-17 Appropriations		
Institution Type	General Revenue	General Revenue	Biennial Change	Percent Change
General Academic Institutions and System Offices	\$485.2	\$565.3	\$80.1	16.5%
Health Related Institutions	371.3	458.9	87.6	23.6%
Lamar State Colleges	10.3	14.9	4.6	44.7%
Texas State Technical Colleges and System Administration	15.4	25.5	10.1	65.6%
Public Community and Junior Colleges	19.2	30.8	11.6	60.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$901.4</b>	<b>\$1,095.4</b>	<b>\$194.0</b>	<b>21.5%</b>



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