

SHSU Faculty Senate Meeting

10 September 2015
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
LSC 304

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the August 27th meeting were approved with minor revisions.

Special Guest:

Provost Jamie Hebert visited Faculty Senate to discuss relevant updates from the most recent legislative session.

Please see below for the summary of the updates discussed, provided by Donna Artho, Assistant Vice President, SHSU Office of Institutional Effectiveness

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Legislative Tracking and
Bill Results

TEXAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND TEXAS SENATE
84TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION
2015

STATE OF TEXAS 84TH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

31 MEMBERS INCLUDES LT. GOVERNOR
24 MEN, 7 WOMEN
20 REPUBLICANS, 11 DEMOCRATS
22 INCUMBENTS, 9 NEW MEMBERS
OLDEST MEMBER IS 73
YOUNGEST MEMBER IS 42



HOUSE

148* MEMBERS INCLUDES SPEAKER
120 MEN, 28 WOMEN
97 REPUBLICANS, 51 DEMOCRATS
124 INCUMBENTS, 24 NEW MEMBERS
8 MEMBERS ARE 70 OR OLDER
0 MEMBERS ARE YOUNGER THAN 40
* 2 SEATS UNFILLED



STATE OF TEXAS 84TH LEGISLATURE

Regular Session – 140 Days

November 10, 2014 – Pre-filing of legislation

January 13, 2015 – First Day of Regular Session

March 13, 2015 – Last Day to File Non-Emergency Bills (60th Day)

June 1, 2015 – Adjourned Regular Session (140th Day)

June 21, 2015 – Last Day Governor could sign or veto bills

August 31, 2015 – Date bills without specific effective dates or effective immediately became law

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Review bill caption

Evaluate text for policy and/or fiscal impact

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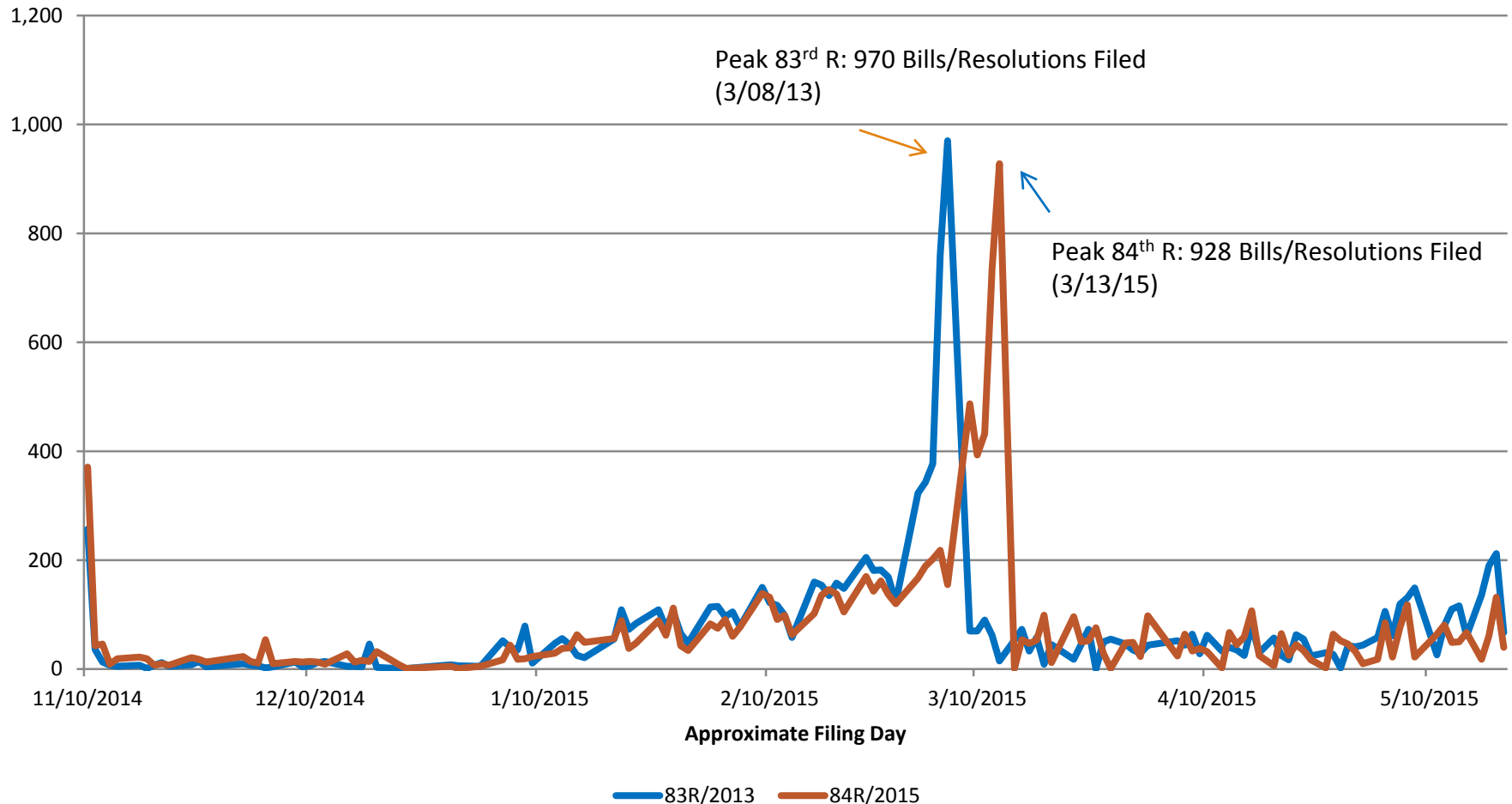
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Distribute information regarding new laws/regulations

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Total Number of Bills and Resolutions Filed by Date



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Texas Legislature

Bills By Filing Date

Filing Date: 3/13/2015

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Report Date: 6/25/2015

Bill Number

Number of Bills: 928

[HB 13](#)

Author: Pickett | Phillips | Martinez, "Mando" | Simmons | Burkett

Sponsor: Nichols

Last Action: 05/29/2015 S Returned from the House for further action

Caption: Relating to categories of and funding allocation for transportation projects by the Texas Department of Transportation and local transportation entities.

Caption

[HB 14](#)

Author: Morrison | Reynolds

Sponsor: Watson

Last Action: 05/29/2015 S House appoints conferees-reported

Caption: Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan.

[HB 19](#)

Author: King, Susan | Burkett

Sponsor: Campbell

Last Action: 06/04/2015 E Effective immediately

Caption: Relating to a preventive services program and mental health programs for veterans and military families.

[HB 31](#)

Author: Bonnen, Dennis | Martinez Fischer | Parker | Krause | Oliveira


Last Action: 05/06/2015 S Referred to Finance

Caption: Relating to decreasing the state sales and use tax rate.


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School Summary

School Bill Information

School Role: SHSU

Bill count: 199 Records per page:

	Bill Type	Bill Number	Bill Lead	School Complete	School FI	Bill FI	TSUS Approved
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Overview of Higher Education Funding 84th Regular Session



SB 1 & Overview of Higher Education Funding 84th Regular Session

State Appropriations Overview

2016-2017 total all state appropriations = \$209.4 billion (up \$7.3B or 4%)

2016-2017 total all funds appropriated to higher education = \$19.9 billion

- Increase of \$1.4 billion (7%) over 2014-2015 funding levels
- Makes up 9.5% of all state appropriations

\$6.8 billion budgeted for general academic institutions funding in all funds (up \$399M or 6%)

- \$329 million increase (7.6%) in GAA formula funding
- I&O weighted SCH increased from \$54.86 to \$55.39

OBF remains unfunded for general academic institutions

\$30 million in offsets for Hazlewood waivers moved from THECB purview to Texas Veterans Commission

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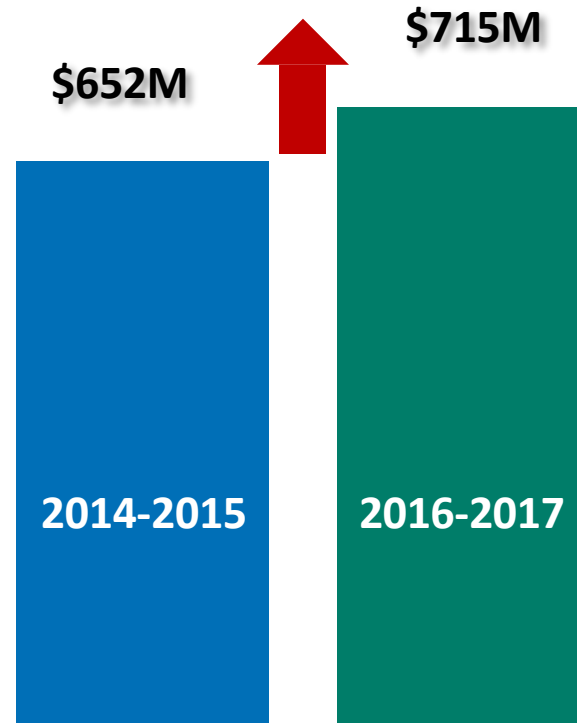
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2016-2017 Compared to 2014-2015

TEXAS Grant Program (Towards EXcellence, Access and Success) supports well-prepared high school graduates with financial need.

- Appropriations increased \$62.7 million, almost 10%, over the previous biennium
- Largest state aid program
- Increase will maintain awards of \$5,000 for 85% of eligible students





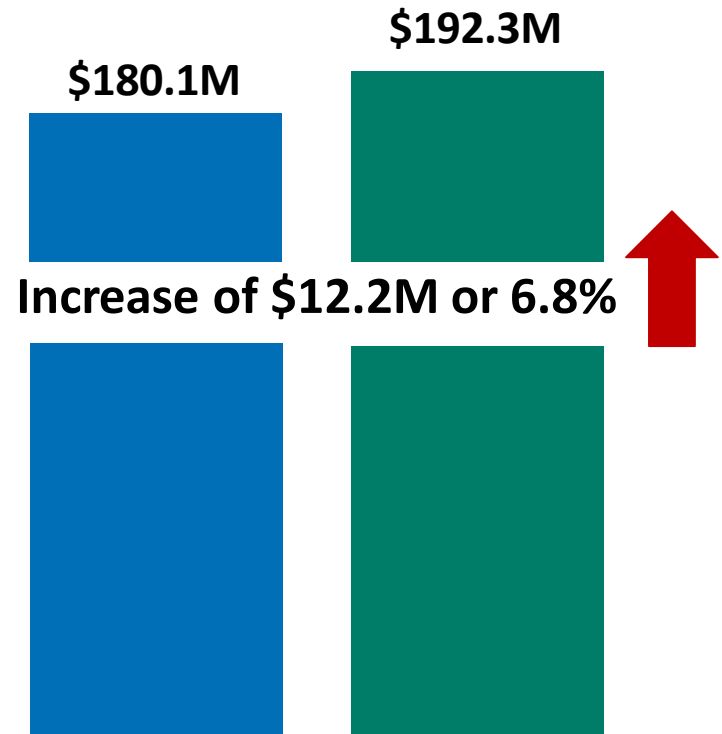
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Tuition Equalization Grant

TEG is available to Texas residents or non-residents who are National Merit Finalists, not receiving athletic scholarships, and who are enrolled at private, non-profit colleges and universities in Texas. Based on financial need. Applicants must show they are required to pay more tuition than they would pay to attend a public institution.

- **Appropriations increased \$12.2M, almost 7%, over the previous biennium**
- **Will serve more than 29,000 students**



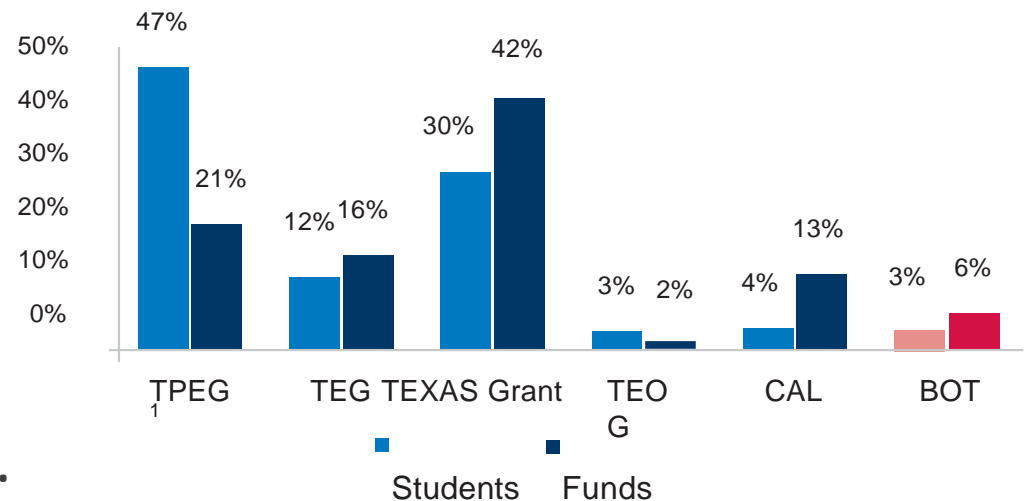
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HB 700 – Ends the B-On-Time Loan program. No new loans awarded, but existing awards (before 2015-2016) will be honored over the next 5 years. (Effective 9/1/2015)

- Required 5% set aside previously sent to THECB will be eliminated as of Fall 2015. **The Governor has called for Boards of Regents to expect 5% tuition reductions at IHEs.**
- Net reduction in student loan program funding is \$29.3M or 26.2%.

Use of Student Aid by Type



Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: Financial Aid Database 2010 & Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation

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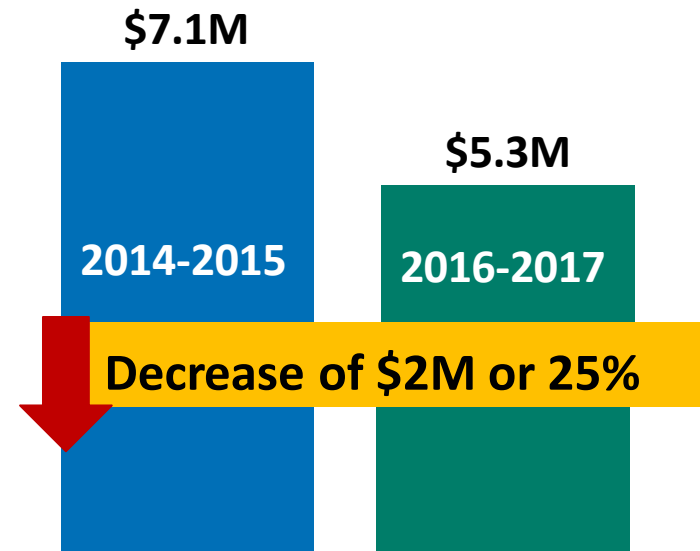
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The Top 10% Scholarship Program, which was intended to encourage top performers in Texas high schools to enroll in a Texas IHE, rather than leave the state, has been terminated. The THECB advised the Legislature the award amount had dwindled to a point it was likely not effective at reaching this goal, and the Commissioner requested additional funds to increase the per student award. Instead, the entire program was cut from the THECB appropriation.

- Funds are available for renewal requests, only.
- Net reduction in student loan program funding is \$21.4M or 54%.

Funding for the Texas Armed Services Scholarship Program, has been reduced.

The program encourages young leaders to participate in the Texas Guard, Army National Guard, or Air National Guard, or to become commissioned officers in the United States armed services.



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Texas College Work Study Program

SB 1750: Beginning Fall 2016 (AY 16/17) requires IHEs to ensure that at least 20% not to exceed 50% of employment positions provided through the **Texas College Work Study Program** are provided by eligible off-campus employers.

- The **Texas College Work Study Program** was funded at \$18.8M for the biennium, no increase from the prior biennium.
- \$1.5M was appropriated to the **Educational Aide Exemption**, which saw its state funding eliminated in 2011 (82nd R), although IHEs could have continued the program with local funds. To address its growing need for more qualified teachers, the program covers tuition and some fees for education aides who enroll in college to become certified Texas teachers. Recipients are exempt from student teaching degree requirements. Funds are prioritized for institutions that offer at least a 10% match.

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Passed **House** Legislation

HB 1 requires contribution increase by employees to **ERS** from 6.9% to 9.5%.

HB 9 eliminates 90-day waiting period to enter **ERS**.

HB 18 implements measures to support counseling of public school students and their families in order to **promote high school, college and career readiness and success**. IHE is required to report **TSI** assessment performance back to ISD of graduating students effective Fall 2016.

HB 100 authorizes **capital projects and TRBs**. \$48 million for SHSU biology lab building.

HB 197 requires the institution to create a webpage dedicated to providing information regarding **mental health resources**, including the physical address of the nearest local mental health authority.

HB 505 prohibits limiting high school students' enrollment in **dual credit courses**.

HB 699 requires IHE to establish a **policy on campus sexual assault**, including definitions and sanctions, review it biennially, post it online, and notify students and employees.

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HB 1287 requires general academic IHE to post a link to **Texas CREWS website** in a prominent location - <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/apps/txcrews/>



The banner features a dark blue header with the word "TEXAS" in large, colorful letters, each containing a different Texas landscape. To the right of "TEXAS" is the word "CREWS" in yellow, followed by the full name "Texas Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics" in orange. Below the header is a white text box with purple text describing the tool. To the right of the text is a photo of a smiling woman in a red shirt sitting at a desk in a classroom. Below the text box is a blue "GET STARTED" button with a play icon. To the right of the button is a grey text box with instructions. At the bottom, there are three logos: the Texas Workforce Commission, a photo of diverse students, and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

TEXAS CREWS *Texas Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics*

The Texas Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics (Texas CREWS) is an interactive dashboard tool providing comparative information about Texas public 2-year and 4-year postsecondary institutions. By evaluating programs and institutions on the basis of resultant wages and student loan levels, Texas CREWS will allow parents and students to make informed decisions about college and get the best return on their educational investment.

GET STARTED

Click to get started, then use the dropdown menus to search by program/major, institution, or by the occupation field of interest.

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Joint Project of the Texas Workforce Commission & the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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Continued Passed **House** Legislation

HB 796 authorizes TSUS and components to purchase **insurance coverage** without using State Office of Risk Management.

HB 855 requires state agency **websites** to be compatible with most recent version of each browser (see DIR list) and with wireless devices.

HB 1000 renames the Research Development Fund to **Texas Comprehensive Research Fund** for all universities that are neither research/emerging research institutions.

HB 1054 adds a basic academic skills education program to the dev ed options to which students can be referred based on performance on college readiness assessments. These are **non-course competency-based dev ed programs** and interventions designed for students whose performance falls significantly below college readiness standards.

HB 1300 allows **educator preparation program** to admit student with low GPA.

HB 1807 requires THECB to survey institutions to compile inventory of **programs and services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities**. THECB will post program information on its website for centralized access to information.

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HB 1992 states IHE cannot require an **AP test score** greater than 3 to award credit unless the IHE can justify with evidence that a higher score is required to ensure students are adequately prepared. Applies to lower-division courses.

HB 2205 addresses **educator certification and preparation programs** and investigation of educator misconduct.

HB 2628 requires THECB to periodically review each **field of study** to align with industry needs.

HB 3078 establishes committee to recommend **uniform pre-nursing curriculum**.

HB 3348 authorizes pilot program authorizing THECB to approve **Dental Hygiene bachelors at Tyler Junior College**.

HB 3748 states IHE shall designate liaison officer to **coordinate services** for students who are currently or were formerly placed in **foster care**.

HB 4046 closes loophole between Texas Public Information Act and FERPA regarding the **protection of applicant records**. Adds applicant records to the definition of student education records for purposes of applying FERPA disclosure restrictions as of 9/1/15.

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Passed **Senate** Legislation

SB 20 implements **contract management procedures** including requirements that institutions establish, contract review policies and procedures, delegation authority, training requirements, and internal controls.

SB 27 states telephone conference calls meeting the definition of an **open meeting of an IHE** must be broadcast over the Internet and made available in an online archive.

SB 37 requires the THECB to conduct an ongoing **study of participation of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities** in higher education, obtaining admission, retention, graduation and outcome data from institutions.

SB 42 sets out that **student members of the board of regents** of a state university or state university system must have applied for the position through the proper channels in order to be selected.

SB 374 requires state agencies to participate in E-Verify to verify the employment status of potential new-hires.

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Continued Passed **Senate** Legislation

SB 389 requires state agency to include **military occupational specialty codes** on certain notices of employment openings.

SB 453 requires ISD to award course credit for scale score of at least 50th percentile on **CLEP**, down from 60th percentile.

SB 947 requires THECB to conduct a study on providing **off-campus employment** through the work study program.

SB 1191 allocates HEF/**HEAF** funds - SHSU: \$11.55M (FY16) & \$17.33M (FY17). 50% increase in second year of the biennium.

SB 1470 THECB may enter into reciprocity agreements with other states to permit Texas IHEs to offer **distance ed programs** to students outside of Texas.

SB 1543 requires IHE to rank applicant from nontraditional high school at average rank of students who have an official high school rank based on similar **admissions** test scores.

SB 1624 effective 9/1/15 entering students of all classifications must be provided information on **mental health and suicide prevention services**.

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Continued Passed **Senate** Legislation

SB 1714 allows IHE to participate in a National Student Clearinghouse **reverse-transfer automated data sharing exchange platform** under development that would greatly increase the efficiency of reverse-transfer degree awards and meet student educational record privacy and authorization requirements. Requires IHE to send email request to release data for reverse transfer purposes to students completing 66 SCH, if student has not already consented.

SB 1776 student who successfully completes certain college prep courses is eligible for a two year exemption for certain **TSI assessment requirements** following a student's high school graduation date and requires a student, as a condition of the exemption, to enroll in the student's first college-level course in the exempted content area in the student's first year of enrollment in an institution of higher education.

SB 2031 authorizes an IHE to delay publication of the factors to be considered in **admissions decisions** for a graduate or professional program if compliance with requirements of an accrediting agency effectively prevents the institution or unit from timely publishing those factors.

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Handgun Laws

SB 11 Concealed Carry on Campus

- Effective 8/1/2016 (8/1/2017 for public junior colleges)
- Allows concealed carry permit holders to carry concealed handgun onto the campus including in passenger vehicles or any grounds or building on which an institution-sponsored activity was being conducted. President can create specific exclusions to lawful concealed carry, with approval of Board of Regents.
- IHE is required to submit biennial report of regulatory provisions and justification.
- Private/Independent institutions can opt out, entirely
- Excludes premises of a hospital, preschool, elementary, or secondary school maintained by an IHE
- IHE can establish rules concerning storage of handguns in residential facilities that are owned or leased and operated by the institution and located on the institution campus
- Penalty for open carry or unlawful concealed carry is class A misdemeanor (1 yr. jail and/or max. fine of \$4,000)

HB 910 Texas Open Carry

- Effective 1/1/2016
- Authorizes “concealed” handgun permit holders to openly carry a holstered weapon where it would have been legal to carry it concealed in the past.

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Legislation of Note That Did Not Pass

HB 89, et al. proposed limits on the amount of tuition and/or fees charged by IHEs.

HB 209, et al. prohibited the waiver of in-state tuition rates for students with non-resident or non-citizen status; determination of resident status.

HB 375 eliminated set-asides of designated tuition.

HB 447 permitted the use of a student ID for voter identification purposes.

HB 3027 attempted to create competency-based baccalaureate degrees but did not clear the Senate.

SB 22 authorized appropriation of outcomes-based funding.

SB 40 established leave for employees physically assaulted while on duty.

SB 157, et al. exempted textbook purchases from sales tax for limited periods each term.

SB 271, et al. extended the authority of junior colleges to offer bachelor's degrees.

SB 1735 proposed changes to Hazlewood Legacy to reduce cost of lost tuition revenue.

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THECB Riders

Space Projections Model – Consider impact of online courses and increase accuracy and validity of model

Teacher Certification – Develop and implement strategic plan to increase the number and professional development of certified teachers

Higher Education Fund – Increases the total HEF funds by 50% over previous biennium to approximately \$394 million to support non-PUF eligible institutions in 2017 (SB 1191)

Cybersecurity – Requires report to LBB on cybersecurity initiatives and bulk purchasing efforts

B-On-Time Balances - \$65,324,057 will be allocated back to IHEs based on participation and contribution rates (HB 700)

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Sources:

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- *Summary of Conference Committee Report HB1, 84th Texas Legislature, Regular Session*, Legislative Budget Board, May 2015.
- *Summary of Higher Education Legislation, 84th Texas Legislature*, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Office of External Relations, 2015.

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