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Brownback Says Kansas Higher Education May See Targeted Funds

Gov. Sam Brownback says the Kansas higher education system might get additional funds next year for specific initiatives, but he's advising officials not to push for general budget increases.

Brownback told the state Board of Regents in brief remarks Thursday that he doubts legislators will approve increases in base operating funds for public universities, community colleges and technical colleges.

Brownback did not drop any hints about the budget he'll present to lawmakers for the fiscal year that begins July 1. He said he hasn't started putting together his recommendations.

But the state must close a \$328 million gap between expected revenues and current spending commitments for the new fiscal year after this year's massive cuts in income taxes.

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