

NACAC Opposes House FY26 Appropriations Bill That Cuts Education Funding By 16 Percent

NACAC is deeply concerned about the [FY26 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill](#) that was advanced by the House Subcommittee on a partisan 11–7 vote. The measure proposes a \$12.4 billion (16 percent) cut to the Department of Education, the steepest reduction in more than a decade, which would take funding below 2011 levels.

Key provisions in the House bill include:

- **K-12 Education:**
 - \$5.2 billion (27 percent) cut to Title I
 - Rescission of nearly \$3 billion in advance funding that schools were expecting this fall
 - Elimination of teacher training programs for schools and colleges
- **Higher Education:**
 - Eliminates SEOG, adult education, and other longstanding programs
 - Eliminates Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools (CCAMPIS)
 - Freezes in TRIO and GEAR UP funding
 - Pell Grant maximum remains flat
 - \$451 million (37 percent) cut to Federal Work Study
 - Renames Workforce Pell Grants as “Trump Grants”
- **Department of Education Operations:**
 - 30 percent cut to program management
 - 35 percent cut to the Office for Civil Rights

In contrast, the [Senate’s bipartisan bill](#) maintains funding for education near its current level, recognizing the essential role that federal programs play in expanding access, opportunity, and success for students.

NACAC urges lawmakers to reject the House’s harmful cuts and instead follow the Senate’s lead by preserving existing federal support for effective, long-standing education programs that serve students, families, and institutions across the country. With only weeks remaining before the fiscal year deadline, NACAC also calls on Congress to act responsibly to avoid a government shutdown and provide stability for schools and students.