

House Republican Funding Bill Denies Education and Training Opportunities for Students and Job Seekers at All Stages of Life in Puerto Rico

The House Republican 2024 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill, and its 28 percent cut of \$64 billion, portends their intent to end public education in America and eliminate job opportunities for young adults and working families.

In Puerto Rico, the extreme House Republican bill would:

- **Reduce services for young children.** The bill will eliminate access to early childhood education for **1,700** children in Puerto Rico through **cuts to Head Start**.
- **Kick teachers out of classrooms.** Under this bill, during a severe nationwide teacher shortage, **5,500** teachers could be removed from classrooms serving low-income students in Puerto Rico due to House Republican **cuts to Title I**.
- **Eliminate services for English learners.** The House Republican bill eliminates federal support for vital academic services for **900** English learners in Puerto Rico through the **elimination of English Language Acquisition (Title III)**.
- **Eliminate Federal Work Study.** The bill **eliminates Federal Work Study** for the **15,700** students who need it in Puerto Rico to help finance a postsecondary education, limiting their potential earnings and future success in the job market.
- **Eliminate need-based financial aid.** The House Republican's bill takes away need-based financial aid for **62,400** students in Puerto Rico through the **elimination of Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG)**.
- **Eliminate youth employment opportunities.** The bill **eliminates WIOA Youth Job Training**, which would deny job training and employment services for **2,900** youth in Puerto Rico who face barriers to finding a good paying job.
- **Eliminate adult employment opportunities.** The bill **eliminates WIOA Adult Job Training**, which would deny job training and employment services for **7,500** adults in Puerto Rico who face barriers to finding a good paying job.