



LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES



SUMMARY OF REPUBLICAN FISCAL YEAR 2026 BILL

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies

The fiscal year 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies funding bill includes \$197.5 billion, a cut of \$23.9 billion, or 11 percent, below the fiscal year 2025 level. The legislation:

- **Decimates support for children in K-12 elementary schools** by slashing funding for low-income students, eliminating funding for teacher training, and eliminating funding for community schools.
- **Slashes research into lifesaving cures** by cutting funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—including the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)—and eliminating funding for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ).
- **Harms women's health** by cutting programs that support maternal and child health, eliminating programs that provide access to health services and contraception, and adding numerous partisan and poison pill riders related to abortion and reproductive health.
- **Abandons college students and low-income workers trying to improve their lives through postsecondary education** by eliminating funding for need-based financial aid, adult job training, and adult education.
- **Surrenders to ongoing health crises** by cutting funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), including major cuts to State and local health departments, tobacco prevention programs, HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, substance use prevention and treatment, and mental health services.

Bill Summary:

Department of Labor (DOL) – The bill includes a total of \$9.6 billion for DOL, a decrease of \$4.0 billion, or 30 percent, below the fiscal year 2025 level. Of this amount, the bill includes:

- \$6.6 billion for the **Employment and Training Administration**, a decrease of \$3.6 billion, or 35 percent, below the 2025 level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$1.1 billion for **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State Grants**, a decrease of \$1.8 billion, or 63 percent, below the 2025 level.
 - The bill eliminates funding for **WIOA Adult Job Training**, a cut of \$886 million below the 2025 level.
 - The bill eliminates funding for **WIOA Youth Job Training**, a cut of \$948 million below the 2025 level.
 - The bill eliminates funding for the **Reintegration of Ex-Offenders**, a cut of \$115 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$285 million for **Registered Apprenticeships**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - \$65 million for **Strengthening Community College Training Grants**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - \$880 million for **Job Corps**, a decrease of \$880 million below the 2025 level.
 - The bill eliminates funding for the **Senior Community Service Employment for Older Americans Program**, a cut of \$405 million below the 2025 level.
- \$1.6 billion for **Worker Protection Agencies**, a decrease of \$259 million below the 2025 level, including:
 - \$235 million for the **Wage and Hour Division**, a decrease of \$25 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$582 million for the **Occupational Safety and Health Administration**, a decrease of \$50 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$348 million for the **Mine Safety and Health Administration**, a decrease of \$40 million below the 2025 level.
 - The bill eliminates funding for the **Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs**, a cut of \$111 million below the 2025 level.
- The bill eliminates funding for the **Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)**, a decrease of \$116 million below the 2025 level.
- The bill eliminates funding for the **Women's Bureau**, a cut of \$23 million below the 2025 level, including the elimination of the Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations program.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – The bill includes a total of \$108.6 billion for HHS, a decrease of \$6.8 billion, or 6 percent, below the fiscal year 2025 level. Of this amount, the bill includes:

- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** – The bill includes \$7.1 billion for HRSA, a decrease of \$886 million below the 2025 level. The amount includes:
 - Elimination of funding for **Title X Family Planning**, a cut of \$286 million below the 2025 level;
 - \$1.9 billion for the **Health Centers** program, equal to the 2025 level;
 - \$1.4 billion for **Health Workforce** training, a decrease of \$37 million below the 2025 level, including:
 - Elimination of funding for **Nursing Workforce Diversity**, a cut of \$24 million below the 2025 level; and
 - Elimination of funding for the **Nursing Faculty Loan Program**, a cut of \$29 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$985 million for **Maternal and Child Health** programs, a decrease of \$185 million below the 2025 level (including elimination of funding for the **Healthy Start** program); and
 - \$2 billion for the **Ryan White HIV/AIDS** program, a decrease of \$525 million below the 2025 level (including elimination of funding for the **Early Intervention Program** and the **Ending the HIV Epidemic** initiative).

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** – The bill includes a total of \$7.4 billion for CDC, a cut of \$1.7 billion below the 2025 level. Within this amount, the bill:
 - Eliminates all funding for domestic and global HIV/AIDS activities:
 - **Domestic HIV/AIDS Prevention and Research**, a cut of more than \$1 billion below the 2025 level, including the elimination of the \$220 million **Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative**.
 - **Global HIV/AIDS program**, a cut of \$129 million below the 2025 level.
 - Eliminates funding for **Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research**, a cut of \$12.5 million below the 2025 level.
 - Eliminates funding for **Tobacco Prevention and Control**, a cut of \$247 million below the 2025 level.
 - Eliminates funding for **Global Tuberculosis**, a cut of \$12 million below the 2025 level.
 - Reduces funding for **Global Vaccine Preventable Diseases**, a cut of \$50 million below the 2025 level.
 - Eliminates funding for the **Climate and Health program**, a cut of \$10 million below the 2025 level.
 - Eliminates funding for the **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant**, a cut of \$160 million below the 2025 level.
 - Includes \$185 million for **Public Health Data Modernization**, an increase of \$10 million above the 2025 level.

- Includes \$360 million for **Public Health Infrastructure and Capacity**, an increase of \$10 million above the 2025 level.
- Includes \$35 million for **Infectious Disease Rapid Response Reserve Fund**, an increase of \$10 million above the 2025 level.
- **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** – The bill includes a total of \$47.8 billion for NIH, a decrease of \$456 million below the 2025 level. The bill includes:
 - \$7.3 billion for the **National Cancer Institute (NCI)**, an increase of \$48 million above the 2025 level;
 - \$2.3 billion for the **National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)**, an increase of \$20 million above the 2025 level;
 - \$2.6 billion for the **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)**, an increase of \$30 million above the 2025 level;
 - \$6.6 billion for the **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)**, an increase of \$20 million above the 2025 level;
 - \$945 million for the **Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H)**, a decrease of \$555 million below the 2025 level.
- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** – The bill includes \$7.1 billion, a decrease of \$298 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$2.7 billion for **Mental Health** services, a decrease of \$108 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$4 billion for **Substance Use Treatment** services, a decrease of \$150 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$205 million for **Substance Use Prevention** services, a decrease of \$32 million below the 2025 level.
- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** – The bill eliminates funding for AHRQ, a cut of \$369 million below the 2025 level.
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Program Management** – The bill includes a total of \$3.9 billion for CMS administrative expenses, a decrease of \$195 million below the 2025 level.
- **Administration for Children and Families (ACF)** – The bill includes \$31.6 billion for ACF, a decrease of \$2.3 billion below the 2025 level. ACF funding includes:
 - \$4 billion for the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**, an increase of \$10 million above the 2025 level.
 - \$4.3 billion for **Refugee and Entrant Assistance**, a decrease of \$2 billion below the 2025 level.
 - \$8.7 billion for the **Child Care and Development Block Grant**, equal to the 2025 level.

- \$12.3 billion for **Head Start**, equal to the 2025 level.
- Eliminates funding for **Preschool Development Grants**, a cut of \$315 million below the 2025 level.
- **Administration for Community Living (ACL)** – The bill includes \$2.5 billion for ACL, a decrease of \$11 million below the 2025 level.
- **Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)** – The bill includes \$3.5 billion for ASPR, a decrease of \$118 million below the 2025 level.
- **Office of the Secretary—General Departmental Management** – The bill includes \$549 million, a decrease of \$104 million below the 2025 level. The amount includes:
 - Elimination of funding for the **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program**, a decrease of \$108 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$45 million for the **Office of Minority Health**, a decrease of \$30 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$25 million for the **Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative**, a decrease of \$35 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$30 million for the **Office on Women’s Health**, a decrease of \$14 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$40 million for **Abstinence-only Education**, an increase of \$5 million above the 2025 level.
 - \$100 million for a new slush fund to “Make America Healthy Again”.

Department of Education (ED) – The bill includes a total of \$66.7 billion for ED, a decrease of \$12.1 billion, or 15 percent, below the fiscal year 2025 level. Of this amount, the bill includes:

- **K-12 Education, including Individuals with Disabilities Education Act programs** – The bill includes \$35.5 billion, a decrease of \$9.2 billion below the 2025 level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$13.7 billion for **Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies**, a decrease of \$4.7 billion below the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for **English Language Acquisition**, a decrease of \$890 million below the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for **Title II-A (Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants)**, a decrease of \$2.2 billion below the 2025 level.
 - \$15.5 billion for **Special Education**, an increase of \$26 million above the 2025 level.
 - \$1.4 billion for **Student Support and Academic Enrichment State Grants**, an increase of \$5 million above the 2025 level.

- \$1.3 billion for **Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - \$1.6 billion for **Impact Aid**, an increase of \$5 million above the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for **Full-Service Community Schools**, a decrease of \$150 million below the 2025 level.
- **Career, Technical and Adult Education** – The bill includes \$1.5 billion for Career, Technical and Adult Education, a decrease of \$706 million below the 2025 level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$1.5 billion for Career and Technical Education, an increase of \$23 million above the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for Adult Education, a decrease of \$729 million below the 2025 level.
- **Student Financial Assistance** – The bill includes \$23.3 billion for Federal student aid programs, a decrease of \$1.4 billion below the 2025 level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$22.5 billion for the **Pell Grant program**, equal to the 2025 level, and \$7,395 for the maximum **Pell Grant award**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for the **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant** program, a decrease of \$910 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$779 million for **Federal Work Study**, a decrease of \$451 million below the 2025 level.
- **Higher Education** – The bill includes \$2.7 billion for higher education programs, a decrease of \$367 million below the 2025 level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$1 billion, an increase of \$7 million above the 2025 level, to assist **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)** and **Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs)** in the Aid for Institutional Development account
 - \$1.2 billion for **Federal TRIO programs**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - \$388 million for **GEAR UP**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for **Teacher Quality Partnerships**, a cut of \$70 million below the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for **Child Care Access Means Parents in School**, a cut of \$75 million below the 2025 level.
 - Elimination of funding for **International Education and Foreign Language**, a cut of \$86 million below the 2025 level.

- **Departmental Management** – The bill includes \$447 million for Departmental Management, a decrease of 180 million below the 2025 level. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$293 million for **Department of Education personnel and operations**, a decrease of \$127 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$91 million for the **Office for Civil Rights**, a decrease of \$49 million below the 2025 level.

Related Agencies –

- The bill includes \$12.2 billion for the **Social Security Administration’s (SSA) operating budget**, equal to the 2025 level. The bill includes \$2.4 billion for SSA’s program integrity activities, an increase of \$494 million above the 2025 level.
- The bill includes \$643 million for the **Corporation for National and Community Service**, a decrease of \$620 million below the 2025 level. Within the total amount, the bill includes:
 - \$279 million for **AmeriCorps Grants**, a cut of \$279 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$146 million for **Senior Volunteers**, a cut of \$91 million below the 2025 level.
 - \$40 million for the **National Service Trust**, a decrease of \$140 million below the 2025 level, which would eliminate funding for Education Awards for eligible participants who complete AmeriCorps service.
 - \$52 million for the **Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)** program, a cut of \$52 million below the 2025 level.
- The bill eliminates funding for the **Corporation for Public Broadcasting**, a cut of \$595 million below the 2025 level.
- The bill includes \$292 million for the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**, a decrease of \$3 million below the 2025 level.
- The bill includes \$200 million for the **National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)**, a decrease of \$99 million below the 2025 level.

This bill includes riders that would:

- Block access to abortion services and reproductive healthcare services.
- Block funding for Planned Parenthood health centers.
- Amend the Public Health Service Act to create a right to monetary damages in a civil action for a violation of the Weldon amendment (which allows health care providers to discriminate against patients by refusing to provide, pay for, cover, or refer for abortion).
- Block funding to a hospital or post-graduate physician training program if the program has an opt-out requirement for training related to abortion (as opposed to an opt-in requirement), which would result in fewer OB/GYNs receiving training to handle reproductive healthcare, including miscarriages and pregnancy-related emergencies.
- Block funding to conduct or support medical research using fetal tissue.
- Limit funding to medical research institutions for life-saving research.
- Block gun violence prevention research.
- Block the Department of Labor from implementing regulatory changes that would improve working conditions for workers in various industries.
- Block the Department of Health and Human Services from implementing rules and regulations to support Medicare and Medicaid programs.
- Block the Department of Health and Human Services from prohibiting insurers from selling “junk insurance” plans.
- Block funding for policies related to nondiscrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.
- Block funding for the Unaccompanied Children Program Foundation Rule that codified policies and regulations from the 1997 Flores Settlement Agreement regarding the placement, care, and services provided to unaccompanied children in HHS’s custody.
- Block funding for unaccompanied children to be reunified with parents or family members based solely on immigration status of sponsor.
- Block the Department of Education from implementing a final rule to prevent sex discrimination and sex-based harassment at schools or issuing a final rule to clarify how all students can participate in athletics.
- Block the Department of Education from implementing regulations related to student loans and income-driven repayment.
- Block funding related to Critical Race Theory.
- Prevent policies or programs intended to promote diversity, equity, or inclusion.
- Block funding to take action against a person who opposes marriage equality.
- Limit which flags can be flown over a federal facility, aimed at eliminating the use of pride flags.
- Block existing policies intended to respond to climate change.