



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

SUMMARY OF 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 \$224 billion for federal programs and activities under the subcommittee's jurisdiction, which is more than \$50 billion above the Trump Administration's budget request and \$23.4 billion above the Republican House bill.

The legislation:

- **Supports lifesaving biomedical research** by providing an increase of more than \$400 million above the 2025 level for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), including increases for research to develop cures or treatments for cancer, Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Diabetes, and a \$30 million – 40 percent – funding boost for the Office of Research on Women's Health.
- **Helps hard-working families access child care and early childhood education** by providing an increase of \$170 million above the 2025 level for Child Care and Head Start.
- **Maintains critical investments in public health** at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as investments in mental health services and substance use prevention and treatment at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), including an increase of \$15 million for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and \$20 million for State Opioid Response Grants.
- **Maintains investments in K-12 elementary schools** to support educational opportunities for students of all backgrounds and **higher education** to help students pay for college.

Rather than handing the Trump Administration a blank check through another stopgap measure, the bill imposes legally binding spending requirements that constrain executive overreach. The bill:

- **Incorporates funding tables to codify precise funding levels for programs throughout the bill**—reasserting Congress's power of the purse over billions of dollars in congressionally-approved spending; and

- **Curtails the reckless abuses of the Trump Administration** by including deadlines to disburse grant funds, minimum staffing thresholds, and notification requirements.

This bill rejects more than \$50 billion in funding cuts proposed by the Trump Administration or House Republicans. The bill—

- **Rejects** the Trump Administration’s proposal to slash funding for lifesaving NIH biomedical research by \$19 billion below the 2025 level.
- **Rejects** the House Republican proposal to cut funding for K-12 education by more than \$9 billion below the 2025 level, including a cut of nearly \$5 billion to Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies.

Bill Summary:

Department of Labor (DOL) – The bill includes a total of \$13.7 billion for DOL, an increase of \$4.1 billion above the Republican House bill. Of this amount, the bill includes:

- \$10.4 billion for the **Employment and Training Administration**, an increase of \$3.7 billion above the Republican House bill. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$2.9 billion for **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act State Grants**, an increase of \$1.8 billion above the Republican House bill.
 - \$110 million for the **Reintegration of Ex-Offenders**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$285 million for **Registered Apprenticeships**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - \$65 million for **Strengthening Community College Training Grants**, equal to the 2025 level.
 - \$1.8 billion for **Job Corps**, an increase of \$880 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$395 million for the **Senior Community Service Employment for Older Americans Program**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
- \$1.9 billion for **Worker Protection Agencies**, an increase of \$236 million above the Republican House bill, including:
 - \$260 million for the **Wage and Hour Division**, an increase of \$25 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$629 million for the **Occupational Safety and Health Administration**, an increase of \$47 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$388 million for the **Mine Safety and Health Administration**, an increase of \$40 million above the Republican House bill.

- \$101 million for the **Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
- \$116 million for the **Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB)**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
- \$23 million for the **Women's Bureau**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) – The bill includes a total of \$116.8 billion for HHS, an increase of \$7 billion above the Republican House bill. Of this amount, the bill includes:

- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)** – The bill includes \$8.9 billion for HRSA, an increase of \$929 million above the 2025 level, which reflects the inclusion of Community Project Funding in fiscal year 2026. After accounting for Community Project Funding, the total for HRSA is \$70 million above the 2025 level. The amount includes:
 - \$286 million for **Title X Family Planning**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill;
 - \$1.9 billion for the **Health Centers** program, equal to the 2025 level;
 - \$1.4 billion for **Health Workforce** training, an increase of \$31 million above the Republican House bill;
 - \$1.2 billion for **Maternal and Child Health** programs, an increase of \$196 million above the Republican House bill; and
 - \$2.6 billion for the **Ryan White HIV/AIDS** program, an increase of \$525 million above the Republican House bill.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** – The bill includes a total of \$9.2 billion for CDC, an increase of \$1.7 billion above the Republican House bill. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$1.1 billion for **domestic and global HIV/AIDS activities**, which were eliminated in the Republican House bill;
 - \$12.5 million for **Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$247 million for **Tobacco Prevention and Control**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$185 million for **Public Health Data Modernization**, an increase of \$10 million above the 2025 level.
 - \$360 million for **Public Health Infrastructure and Capacity**, an increase of \$10 million above the 2025 level.
 - \$160 million for the **Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.

- **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** – The bill includes a total of \$48.7 billion for NIH, an increase of \$415 million above the 2025 level. The bill includes:
 - \$7.4 billion for the **National Cancer Institute** (NCI), an increase of \$128 million above the 2025 level;
 - \$2.8 billion for the **National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke** (NINDS), an increase of \$126 million above the 2025 level, including an increase of \$90 million for research on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, and an increase of \$15 million for research on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS);
 - \$6.6 billion for the **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases** (NIAID), an increase of \$23 million above the 2025 level;
 - \$2.3 billion for the **National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases** (NIDDK), an increase of \$16 million above the 2025 level;
 - \$106 million for the **Office of Research on Women’s Health**, an increase of \$30 million above the 2025 level;
 - An increase of \$5 million for the **Office of Nutrition Research**.

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** – The bill includes \$7.4 billion, an increase of \$364 million above the Republican House bill. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$2.8 billion for **Mental Health** services, an increase of \$123 million above the Republican House bill, including an increase of \$15 million above the 2025 level for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
 - \$4.2 billion for **Substance Use Treatment** services, an increase of \$163 million above the Republican House bill, including an increase of \$20 million above the 2025 level for State Opioid Response Grants.
 - \$241 million for **Substance Use Prevention** services, an increase of \$36 million above the Republican House bill.

- **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)** – The bill provides \$345 million for AHRQ, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.

- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Program Management** – The bill provides a total of \$4.1 billion for CMS administrative expenses, equal to the 2025 level and an increase of \$195 million above the Republican House bill.

- **Administration for Children and Families (ACF)** – The bill includes \$33.0 billion for ACF, an increase of \$1.4 billion above the Republican House bill. ACF funding includes:
 - \$4 billion for the **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program**, an increase of \$20 million above the 2025 level.

- \$8.8 billion for the **Child Care and Development Block Grant**, an increase of \$85 million above the 2025 level.
 - \$12.4 billion for **Head Start**, an increase of \$85 million above the 2025 level.
 - \$315 million for **Preschool Development Grants**, which were eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$5.2 billion for **Refugee and Entrant Assistance**, an increase of \$871 million above the Republican House bill.
- **Administration for Community Living (ACL)** – The bill includes \$2.5 billion for ACL, an increase of \$29 million above the Republican House bill.
 - **Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR)** – The bill includes \$3.7 billion for ASPR, an increase of \$58 million above the 2025 level.
 - **Office of the Secretary—General Departmental Management** – The bill includes \$625 million, an increase of \$76 million above the Republican House bill. The amount includes:
 - \$101 million for the **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$44 million for the **Office on Women’s Health**, an increase of \$14 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$75 million for the **Office of Minority Health**, an increase of \$30 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$56 million for the **Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative**, an increase of \$36 million above the Republican House bill.

Department of Education (ED) – The bill includes a total of \$79 billion for ED, an increase of \$12.3 billion above the Republican House bill. Of this amount, the bill includes:

- **K-12 Education, including Individuals with Disabilities Education Act programs** – The bill includes \$44.7 billion, an increase of \$9.3 billion above the House Republican bill. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$18.4 billion for **Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies**, an increase of \$4.7 billion above the Republican House bill.
 - \$890 million for **English Language Acquisition**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$2.2 billion for **Title II-A (Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants)**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$15.5 billion for **Special Education**, an increase of \$23 million above the 2025 level.

- \$1.4 billion for **Student Support and Academic Enrichment State Grants**, equal to 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.
 - \$150 million for **Full-Service Community Schools**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
- **Career, Technical and Adult Education** – The bill includes \$2.2 billion for Career, Technical and Adult Education, an increase of \$706 million above the Republican House bill. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$1.5 billion for Career and Technical Education, equal to the 2025 level.
 - \$729 million for Adult Education, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
- **Student Financial Assistance** – The bill includes \$24.6 billion for Federal student aid programs, an increase of \$1.4 billion above the Republican House bill. 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.
 - \$910 million for the **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant** program, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$1.2 billion for **Federal Work Study**, an increase of \$451 million above the Republican House bill.
- **Higher Education** – The bill includes \$3.3 billion for higher education programs, an increase of \$552 million above the Republican House bill. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$1 billion, an increase of \$2 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.
 - \$70 million for **Teacher Quality Partnerships**, which were eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$75 million for **Child Care Access Means Parents in School**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.
 - \$81 million for **International Education and Foreign Language**, which was eliminated in the Republican House bill.

- **Departmental Management** – The bill includes \$607 million for Departmental Management, an increase of \$160 million above the Republican House bill. Within this amount, the bill includes:
 - \$399 million for **Department of Education personnel and operations**, an increase of \$160 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$140 million for the **Office for Civil Rights**, an increase of \$49 million above the Republican House bill.

Related Agencies –

- The bill includes \$12.3 billion for the **Social Security Administration's (SSA) operating budget**, an increase of \$50 million above 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 \$1.3 billion for the **Corporation for National and Community Service**, which was proposed for elimination in the President's Budget. Within the total amount, the bill includes:
 - \$557 million for **AmeriCorps Grants**, an increase of \$160 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$237 million for **Senior Volunteers**, an increase of \$91 million above the Republican House bill.
 - \$180 million for the **National Service Trust**, an increase of \$91 million above the Republican House bill.
- The bill includes \$292 million for the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)**, which was proposed for elimination in the President's Budget.
- The bill includes \$294 million for the **National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)**, an increase of \$94 million above the Republican House bill.