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## **Education**

## Did you know the Big Ugly Bill:

- Cuts funding for early childhood programs by \$1B, eliminating nearly 200,000 slots for low-income families nationwide leaving families without an option for childcare, negatively impacting the job security of parents.
- Tightens SNAP eligibility increasing the amount states must contribute to the program incentivizing states to impose even stricter requirements, thus, lowering the number of students eligible for free meals in schools.
- Creates a permanent uncapped program for private and religious school vouchers that could cost the federal government almost \$51billion annually while providing just \$14billion for funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Act and \$18billion for Title 1 high poverty schools and gutting funds for public schools. These cuts impact rural schools the most. The uncapped program favors rich donors looking for tax shelters while decreasing funding for education to state and federal budgets.
- Establishes a "median cost of college" measure on which most student aid would be based, rather than on the actual cost of a particular college or university, even as tuition costs at all colleges/universities are rising.
- Caps or eliminates programs that provide loans for graduate or professional schools while imposing new taxes on scholarships, fellowships, and student loan debt.
- Introduces a new student loan repayment plan that will increase monthly payments. A typical borrower with a college degree could pay an additional \$2,929 per year in student loan payments.

For More Information Visit:

National Education Assocation: NEA.org – "Trump's Budget bill Attacks Public Schools, Working Families, and Immigrants

Center for American Progress: AmericanProgress.org – "Ten Egregious Things You May Not Know About the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

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ELFI.com – "Student Loans, Financial Aid, and 529 Plans: How the "One Big Beautiful Bill" Impacts Education"