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FHSA Expresses Deep Concern Over “Big Beautiful Bill” and Its Impact on Florida’s Head Start Families

This afternoon, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the budget reconciliation bill—known as the “Big Beautiful Bill”—which President Trump is expected to sign on July 4. The Florida Head Start Association (FHSA) is highlighting the harmful impacts this legislation will have on the families served by Head Start programs statewide.

“This legislation is not just a budget decision—it’s a direct hit to the children and families we serve,” said Wanda, Executive Director of FHSA. “In Florida alone, 379 Head Start families depend on Medicaid for health care, and over 25,000 rely on SNAP to put food on the table. These cuts will reverberate through classrooms, homes, and entire communities.”

The consequences will be especially dire in rural Florida, where **53% of Head Start programs operate**. These areas already face limited access to essential services, and the bill’s funding reductions threaten to widen existing gaps.