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Senate FY16 Funding Bill Blocks Gainful Employment, Cuts Student Aid

“Like its House counterpart, the [FY16 Senate Appropriations bill](#) advanced today takes a harmful approach to student aid, including cutting Pell Grant funding by \$300 million and blocking common-sense regulations that will help protect students and taxpayers from getting fleeced by career education programs at predatory schools like now-defunct Corinthian Colleges.

“Like the House bill, the Senate bill would block the gainful employment regulations that were [upheld again in federal court](#) earlier today.

“As [we said last week](#) about the House bill, with millions of Americans struggling to pay for college and repay student loans, Congress should be protecting borrowers from wasteful, harmful career education programs and helping to make college more affordable, not cutting aid and blocking protections.”

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