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# Report Says West Virginia is Behind in Higher Education Funding

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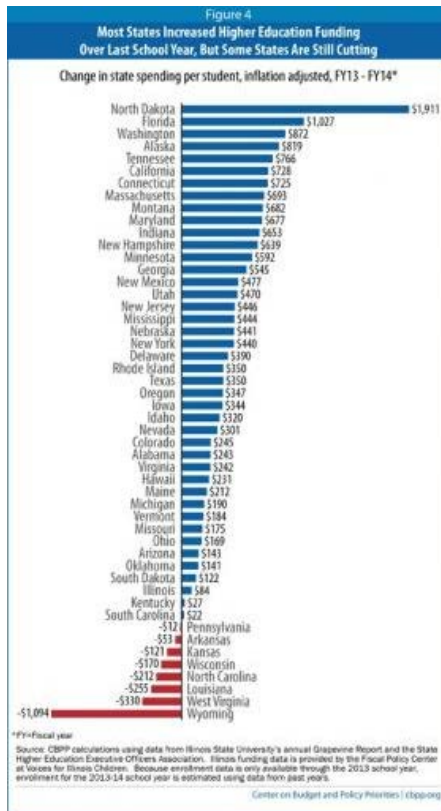
By BEN ADDUCCHIO

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A new report says West Virginia's lagging way behind nationally in funding for higher education. While West Virginia continues to cut in that department, many other states are allocating more dollars.

Following the 2008 recession, most states decided to make cuts, but most are now putting more dollars into spending on its college students. But West Virginia isn't one of them. It's one of eight states that saw cuts to higher education funding from the 2013 to 14 fiscal year, according to a report by Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Sean O' Leary is a policy analyst for the West Virginia Center for Budget and Policy.

"We cut our taxes, that's basically the sole reason why we had to keep cutting higher education. If it wasn't for those tax cuts, we would have weathered the recession and would not have been forced to put these cuts in," he said.



This graphic details higher education spending for the 13-14 fiscal year, according to the new report.

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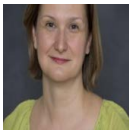

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O' Leary says tuition increases have occurred because of the spending crunch at many schools.

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