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Report Highlights

Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act (GRAD Act)

Assessment of Data Reliability - Year 4

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Why We Conducted This Audit

In accordance with Act 367 of the 2011 Regular Session, we audited the reliability of the data that institutions submitted to the Board of Regents (BoR) as indicators of meeting their Year 4 performance objective benchmarks. Data reliability is one of the factors BoR may consider when determining whether to grant an institution tuition/fee authority and operational autonomies through the GRAD Act (Act 741 of the 2010 Regular Session).

What We Found

The exhibit below provides a summary of our results on whether Statewide Student Profile System (SSPS), Student Completer System (SCS), and Student Credit Hour (SCH) data submitted to BoR is sufficiently reliable.

Summary of Reliability Results by Institution

Institutions	SSPS Fall 2013	SCS Academic Year 2012-2013	SCH Spring 2013*
Louisiana State University System			
Louisiana State University and A&M College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Louisiana State University Alexandria	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Louisiana State University Shreveport	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Louisiana State University Eunice	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University System			
Southern University and A&M College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University at New Orleans	Not sufficiently reliable	Not sufficiently reliable	
Southern University at Shreveport	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University Law Center	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	

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Summary of Reliability Results by Institution (Cont.)			
Institutions	SSPS Fall 2013	SCS Academic Year 2012-2013	SCH Spring 2013*
University of Louisiana System			
Grambling State University	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Louisiana Tech University	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
McNeese State University	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Nicholls State University	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Northwestern State University	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Southeastern Louisiana University	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
University of Louisiana at Lafayette	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
University of Louisiana at Monroe	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
University of New Orleans	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Louisiana Community and Technical College System			
Baton Rouge Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Capital Area Technical College**		Sufficiently reliable	
Bossier Parish Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Delgado Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Louisiana Delta Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Northeast Louisiana Technical College***		Sufficiently reliable	
Fletcher Technical Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Nunez Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
River Parishes Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
South Louisiana Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Acadiana Technical College****		Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
SOWELA Technical Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Central Louisiana Technical Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Northshore Technical Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Northwest Louisiana Technical College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
South Central Louisiana Technical College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
<p>*For institutions that selected certain optional targeted performance measures, we assessed the data reliability of the Spring 2013 SCH data.</p> <p>** Act 171 of the 2013 Regular Legislative Session merged the campuses of Capital Area Technical College with Baton Rouge Community College. These institutions submitted one SSPS data submission but separate SCS data submissions.</p> <p>*** Act 681 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session merged the campuses of Northeast Louisiana Technical College with Louisiana Delta Community College. These institutions submitted one SSPS data submission but separate SCS data submissions.</p> <p>**** Act 767 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session merged the campuses of Acadiana Technical College with South Louisiana Community College. These institutions submitted one SSPS data submission but separate SCS and SCH data submissions.</p> <p>Source: Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using results from pages of full report.</p>			

Appendix A contains responses to this report from the Board of Regents and the systems and institutions that chose to respond.

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