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## Report Highlights

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

## Assessment of Data Reliability

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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 3 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 2012	SCS Academic Year 2011-2012	SCH Spring 2012*
<b>Louisiana State University System</b>			
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	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
<b>Southern University System</b>			
Southern University and A&M College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University at New Orleans	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University at Shreveport	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University Law Center	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	

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# Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act (Cont.)

Summary of Reliability Results by Institution (Cont.)			
Institutions	SSPS Fall 2012	SCS Academic Year 2011-2012	SCH Spring 2012*
<b>University of Louisiana System</b>			
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
<b>Louisiana Community and Technical College System</b>			
Baton Rouge Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Bossier Parish Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Delgado Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Louisiana Delta Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Northeast Louisiana Technical College**	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Fletcher Technical Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Nunez Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Not sufficiently reliable	
River Parishes Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
South Louisiana Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Acadiana Technical College***	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
SOWELA Technical Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Capital Area Technical College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Central Louisiana Technical Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Northshore Technical Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Not sufficiently reliable	
Northwest Louisiana Technical College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
South Central Louisiana Technical College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
<p>*For institutions that selected certain optional targeted performance measures, we assessed the data reliability of the Spring 2012 SCH data.</p> <p>** Act 681 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session merged the campuses of Northeast Louisiana Technical College with Louisiana Delta Community College.</p> <p>***Act 767 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session merged the campuses of Acadiana Technical College with South Louisiana Community College.</p> <p><b>Source:</b> Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using results from pages 5 to 69.</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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