



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, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) is required, in cooperation and coordination with the Louisiana Board of Regents (BoR), to annually audit the reliability of data submitted to BoR as indicators of meeting performance objective benchmarks. The reliability of the data is one of the factors BoR considers 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 during the indicated time frames for the purposes of calculating GRAD Act measures is sufficiently reliable.

Summary of Reliability Results by Institution			
Institutions	SSPS Spring 2011*	SCS Academic Year 2010	SCH Spring 2011**
Louisiana State University System (LSU 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
University of New Orleans***	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 (SUS)			
Southern University and A&M College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University at New Orleans	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Southern University at Shreveport	Sufficiently reliable	Not sufficiently reliable	
Southern University Law Center	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	

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Summary of Reliability Results by Institution (Cont.)			
Institutions	SSPS Spring 2011*	SCS Academic Year 2010	SCH Spring 2011**
University of Louisiana System (ULS)			
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	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable
Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS)			
Baton Rouge Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Bossier Parish Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Delgado Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Louisiana Delta Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Not sufficiently reliable	
Fletcher Technical Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Nunez Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
River Parishes Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
South Louisiana Community College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Sowela Technical Community College	Sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Acadiana Technical College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Capital Area Technical College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Central Louisiana Technical College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Northeast Louisiana Technical College	Not sufficiently reliable	Sufficiently reliable	
Northshore Technical 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>Source: Prepared by legislative auditor's staff using results from pages 8 to 117.</p> <p>*For technical colleges and Health Sciences Centers, we assessed the data reliability of the Fall 2010 SSPS data.</p> <p>**For institutions that selected certain optional targeted performance measures, we assessed the data reliability of the Spring 2011 SCH data.</p> <p>***The University of New Orleans (UNO) was part of the LSU System during Year 1 of the GRAD Act. UNO moved to ULS in December 2011, so it will be reported with the ULS in subsequent years.</p>			

For those institutions whose data was reliable, we recalculated their targeted performance measures for Year 1 and determined if they still met their benchmarks. See full report, which is broken down by system, for complete results. In addition, Appendix A contains management's response for all four higher education systems.