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## DIGEST

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HB 335 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to the requirements of entities administering public benefits.

Present law requires a state agency or political subdivision to verify the citizenship status of an applicant who applies for federal, state, or local public benefits.

Present law requires a state agency or political subdivision to complete certain tasks upon termination of the reasonable opportunity period to verify an applicant's citizenship status or upon receipt of final verification that an applicant is not a U.S. citizen or lacks satisfactory immigration status.

Present law requires such a state agency or political subdivision to provide a certain report to the legislature at the end of each fiscal year.

Proposed law applies present law to any entity administering federal, state, or local public benefits. Otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law further provides that the agency, political subdivision, or entity administering federal, state, or local public benefits is subject to audit by the legislative auditor after the reasonable opportunity period for verification provided in present law.

Proposed law excludes nonprofit organizations that distribute food from the provisions of present and proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 46:233.4(A), (C)(intro. para.), and (D); Adds R.S. 46:233.4(C)(4) and (G))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Exclude nonprofit organizations that distribute food from the requirement to verify citizenship status and other provisions of present and proposed law.