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## DIGEST

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HB 307 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires a state agency or political subdivision to report individuals who seek public assistance and are not citizens of the U.S. to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Proposed law requires, unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, a state agency or political subdivision shall verify whether an applicant, who applies for federal, state, or local public benefits, is a citizen of the U.S.

Proposed law requires a state agency or political subdivision to make reasonable efforts to verify the applicant's citizenship or immigration status if an applicant is claiming U.S. citizenship or a satisfactory immigration status under present law.

Proposed law provides that, upon the termination of any reasonable opportunity period to verify citizenship status or receipt of a final verification that indicates that the applicant is not a citizen or lacks satisfactory immigration status, the state agency or political subdivision shall:

- (1) Refer the applicant's information, including unsatisfactory immigration status, to ICE.
- (2) Terminate any recurring federal, state, or local public benefits.

Proposed law requires a state agency or political subdivision that administers federal or state public benefits to submit a report annually at the end of each fiscal year to the Senate president, speaker of the House of Representatives, the governor of La., the secretary of state, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library on the results of the verification requirements including the number of individuals reported to ICE and the number of individuals whose benefits were terminated.

Proposed law clarifies what is considered as federal, state, or local public benefits as provided for in proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 46:233.4)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Provide that the secretary of state shall also receive an annual report from the agencies

on the results of the verification requirements including the number of individuals reported to ICE and the number of individuals whose benefits were terminated.