

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 307

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Requires that individuals requesting public assistance who are not United States citizens be reported to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

DIGEST

Proposed law requires, unless otherwise prohibited by federal law, a state agency or political subdivision to 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) Provide a monthly report compiling the applicant information reported to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to the secretary of state for voter list maintenance purposes.
- (3) 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 at the end of each fiscal year to the president of the Senate, speaker of the House of Representatives, the governor of La., 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.

Proposed law provides that verification of a public employee's U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status at the time of enrollment in a public retirement system shall satisfy the verification requirements of 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.

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Require a monthly report compiling applicant information reported to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be sent to the secretary of state for voter list maintenance purposes.
2. Remove the secretary of state from the list of entities to receive the annual report listing the individuals reported to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill:

1. Add verification of U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status when enrolling in a public retirement system as a method of satisfying the requirements of proposed law.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the re-engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Remove postsecondary education from list of federal, state, or local benefits.