

## HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 335

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: Provides relative to entities administering public benefits

### Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Excludes entities providing services related to domestic abuse, sexual assault, sexual harassment, human trafficking, homelessness, disaster response, or pregnancy assistance from the provisions of present and proposed law; however, such entities are required to do the following:
  - (a) Retain specified information and records of persons served to comply with auditing requirements in proposed law.
  - (b) Comply with federal requests for information and cooperate with federal authorities.
2. Excludes the following from the provisions of present and proposed law:
  - (a) Organizations, farmers' markets, farm stands, and nonprofit organizations that distribute food or provide incentives for food.
  - (b) Entities acting in good faith to protect life, health, or access to essential services during emergencies or disaster response.
  - (c) Healthcare providers serving Medicaid recipients.

### Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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.

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