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University of Louisiana System: Legislative Report for ACT 419 of RLS 2025

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To: The Office of the Governor, The Office of the Attorney General, and the State Legislature

[ACT 419 of the 2025 Regular Legislative Session](#) (R.S. 49:1511-1518), sponsored by Senator Blake Miguez, requires that state agencies (inclusive of Louisiana higher education institutions) provide an annual report of the bulleted items below to the governor, attorney general, and the legislature in advance of the next regular legislative session.

- *The total number of individuals receiving state services categorized by legal status:*

ULS Service Population by Legal Status

ULS Fall 2025 Census (Total Student Population) ¹	70,913
Legal Residents	70,885
Not Known to be Legal Residents ²	28

¹Fall 2025 Census data from all 9 ULS Institutions, including Grambling State University, Louisiana Tech University, McNeese State University, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University, Southeastern Louisiana University, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, University of Louisiana Monroe, and University of New Orleans. Note: Data does NOT include Dual Enrollment students, which should be captured via Department of Education reporting.

² "Not Known to be Legal Residents" includes all students who are illegal aliens, unaccompanied alien children, or students whose legal status can not be verified.

According to available data from the institutions, approximately 0.0394% of the total student population (28 individuals) are not known to be legal residents of the United States.

- *The total dollar amount of state services or benefits provided to all individuals identified as "illegal aliens" and "unaccompanied alien children."*

University services are provided to students in good standing in return for tuition & fees with additional support via state appropriations. Total state appropriated revenues for the budgeted academic year 2025-2026 for ULS are \$314,419,052. The data above shows that 28 of 70,913 (0.0394%) students do not have known legal status.



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As such, we are unable to determine or quantify an amount of state dollars, if any, spent on institutional resources for students without known legal status (including “illegal aliens”, “unaccompanied alien children”, or “students whose legal state cannot be verified.”

- *A breakdown of services provided, including healthcare, education, 26 motor vehicle services, emergency preparedness, tax benefits, and other 27 relevant services and benefits.*

University services provided to students may include instruction and academic support, experience with research and scholarship, student support via on-campus organizations (including housing, athletics, campus life), healthcare support via campus health clinics and mental health resources, and career services support.

- *A summary of any actions taken to ensure compliance with federal immigration law in meeting its obligations under this Chapter.*

In addition to preparing this report, all institutions are actively reviewing application and enrollment processes and procedures to ensure that appropriate data (as outlined in R.S. 49:1516) is being collected for all students. The University of Louisiana System office will continue to monitor all institutional enrollment and admissions processes to ensure compliance with this statute, and will provide updates in future reports.