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The Honorable Bill Cowsert  
State Senator  
State Capitol, Room 109  
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification  
Senate Bill (LC 21 0341T)

Dear Senator Cowsert:

This bill would amend provisions relating to the composition of the Board of Trustees for the Judicial Retirement System. Currently, the Board is composed of all members of the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Retirement System and three additional members appointed by the Governor. If this legislation is enacted, the Board would be expanded to include five members appointed by the Governor. These appointees shall include:

- One Superior Court Judge;
- One State Court Judge;
- One District Attorney;
- One State Court Solicitor-General; and
- One Juvenile Court Judge.

The Board members who are serving on the effective date of the Act shall continue to serve until the expiration of their terms. The terms for the new Board members will commence July 1, 2010. This bill specifies the term of office for the new appointees. Additionally, this bill would require a Board member to vacate his or her position on the Board if they are no longer part of the group from which they were appointed.

This is to certify that this bill is a nonfiscal retirement bill as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law.

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton  
State Auditor

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