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The Honorable Bill Heath
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 109
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to House Bill 487
(LC 21 0457S)

Dear Senator Heath:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to employee contributions under the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund. Specifically, this bill would increase the amount of employee contributions paid by persons who first or again become members of the Fund on or after September 1, 2009. If this legislation is enacted, these persons would be required to pay \$100 per month into the Fund. Currently, the employee contribution rate is \$50 per month.

Additionally, this substitute bill would amend provisions relating to the collection of fines and fees under the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund. If this legislation is enacted, the Board would collect \$2.00 for each criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state law if the case is tried in a court in which the clerk is eligible for membership in the Fund. Currently, the fee collected by the Fund is \$1.75 per case.

Finally, this substitute bill would require \$1.00 to be paid to the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund from fees charged and collected in each civil suit, action, case, or
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proceeding filed in the Superior Courts or in any other court of this State in which the clerk is eligible for membership in the Fund.

This is to certify that this substitute 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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