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

> SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification Senate Bill (LC 21 0019)

Dear Senator Heath:

This bill would amend provisions relating to membership of county revenue employees in the Employees' Retirement System. Specifically, this bill would affect persons who first or again become a tax commissioner, tax collector, tax receiver, or employee of such officer on or after July 1, 2010. If this legislation is enacted, such persons would be prohibited from becoming members of the Employees' Retirement System. Any member who is employed in such position prior to such date would be eligible to remain a member of the System.

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

Respectfully,

/s/ Russell W. Hinton State Auditor

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