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The Honorable Steve Thompson State Senator State Capitol, Room 420-A Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification Senate Bill (LC 21 1161)

Dear Senator Thompson:

This bill would amend provisions relating to disability benefits under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Under the provisions of this bill, any dues-paying member who is rendered totally and permanently disabled by an injury that is incurred in the line of duty shall be entitled to disability benefits of \$500.00 per month for life or until the member's disability ceases. Under existing provisions, such members receive a monthly disability benefit of \$257.00 per month.

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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