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The Honorable Howard Maxwell
State Representative
State Capitol, Room 402
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 96
(LC 21 1237S)

Dear Representative Maxwell:

This substitute bill would amend general provisions relating to definitions under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Specifically, this bill would clarify the definition of 'peace officer' to mean a person who is compensated at least 32 hours per week to preserve public order, protect life and property, enforce criminal statutes, ordinances, and regulations, or detect crimes and who have general arrest powers. This substitute bill would also specify that a member would no longer be eligible to participate in the Fund if the member ceases to be employed as a 'peace officer' as defined in Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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
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