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The Honorable Buddy Carter State Senator Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 301-A Atlanta, Georgia 30334

> SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification Senate Bill (LC 21 1873)

Dear Senator Carter:

This bill would amend provisions relating to membership in the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Specifically, this bill would authorize certified peace officers who are employed by a public entity and perform duties in conjunction with the operation of a public airport to become members of the Fund. Membership would only be granted to such persons who are required by the terms of their employment to give his or her full time service to the preservation of public order, the protection of life and property, or the detection of crime in conjunction with such operations. Any person who elects membership through the provisions of this bill would be eligible to obtain creditable service for similar prior service. Any person wishing to obtain such creditable service would be required to pay the full actuarial cost of the service granted.

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

Respectfully,

s/ Greg S. Griffin State Auditor

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