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The Honorable Fran Millar
State Senator
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 319-B
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 21 2051)

Dear Senator Millar:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement benefits paid under the Georgia Judicial Retirement System. If this legislation is enacted, the board of trustees would be authorized to determine the time and circumstances of paying benefits to members, to the extent necessary, to preserve the System's status as a qualified plan under federal law. Additionally, this legislation would require the board to discontinue the payment of retirement benefits to any member who returns to the service of the state. This would include service directly or indirectly as or for an independent contractor. It should be noted that any retired member who is subsequently elected to the General Assembly may continue to receive his or her retirement benefits.

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

Respectfully,

s/ Greg S. Griffin
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