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

> SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification Senate Bill (LC 21 2160)

## Dear Senator Albers:

This bill would amend provisions relating to the Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund. Specifically, this bill would change the definition of 'firefighter' to allow certain persons who work at least 1,040 hours to become members of the Fund. To be eligible for membership, the person must be compensated for their position, hold a current firefighter's certification, and actually perform the function of preventing and suppressing fires. This bill would also change the definition of 'prior eligible service' to allow a member to obtain creditable service for any service rendered as a 'firefighter' between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2014.

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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