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The Honorable P.K.Martin, IV
State Senator
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 304-B
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC29 6873ER)

Dear Senator Martin:

This bill would amend provisions relating training requirements for superior court clerks. Currently, superior court clerks are required to obtain 15 hours of training each year, and the certificate of training must be issued by the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education of Georgia. If this legislation is enacted, such clerks would also be authorized to receive their training from a professional court management association or an accredited college or university. Although this legislation does not directly revise Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia, this legislation impacts the Superior Court Clerks' Retirement Fund since members of the Fund are prohibited from receiving service credit for any year in which they do not complete the required training or do not make up the deficiency in the subsequent year.

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

Respectfully,



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