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The Honorable William Ligon, Jr.
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 421-C
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 43 0516)

Dear Senator Ligon:

This bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service for members of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. Specifically, this bill would allow members to obtain creditable service for certain prior service in a full-time hourly position with the Department of Natural Resources. Creditable service would only be granted to members who held such position immediately prior to becoming a member of the retirement system, and would only be granted for service rendered prior to November 1, 2016.

Any member wishing to obtain such creditable service would be required to submit an application to the Board by December 31, 2018 and provide proof of such service. Eligible members would be required to pay the Board an amount sufficient to cover the full actuarial cost of the creditable service granted.

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

Respectfully,

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