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The Honorable Casey Cagle
Lieutenant Governor
State Capitol, Room 240
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 369
(LC 41 1382S)

Dear Lieutenant Governor Cagle:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to payments from fines and bond forfeitures made to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Currently, the Fund receives a portion of fines and bond forfeitures collected in any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances for cases before any court or tribunal in this state. If this legislation is enacted, the Fund would also receive \$5.00 of each fee collected prior to adjudication of guilt for purposes of pretrial diversion pertaining to any criminal or quasi-criminal case. If this legislation were enacted, the clerk of the court would be required to collect the assessed fees from offenders who enter the program. The clerk of the court would also be required to provide political subdivisions with relevant records and completed forms for compliance with the collection of payments due to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund.

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

Respectfully,

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