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The Honorable Ellis Black
State Senator
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 303-B
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 43 1222)

Dear Senator Black:

This bill would amend general provisions relating to the reduction and forfeiture of rights and benefits for employees who commit public employment related crimes. Specifically, this bill would revise the definition of 'public employment related crime.' Additionally, this bill would modify the manner and timing for the deduction or cessation of payments owed by a public employee as a result of public employment related crimes. If this legislation is enacted, retirement systems would have the authority to adopt a policy which would allow for an actuarially determined reduction in benefits over the life expectancy of the member, with the remainder of the benefit applied towards repayment for costs related to the crime. Furthermore, this bill would increase the number of days allowed by a board of trustees to initiate proceedings in the Office of the State Administrative Hearings to determine the economic impact of the public employment related crime committed by one of their members from 30 days to 90 days.

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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