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The Honorable John F. Kennedy
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 421-D
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 43 1327)

Dear Senator Kennedy:

This bill would amend provisions in Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated relating to Courts. Specifically, this bill would replace the term 'law assistants' with 'law clerks and staff attorneys.' Furthermore, this bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service in the Employees' Retirement System. If this legislation is enacted, members would be eligible to obtain up to four years of creditable service in the System for prior service as a law assistant, law clerk, or staff attorney, provided they were employed pursuant to O.C.G.A. §15-6-28. Any member wishing to purchase such creditable service would be required to pay full actuarial cost for the service. Such payment must be made within six months of first or again becoming a member.

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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