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The Honorable Tommy Benton
State Representative
State Capitol, Room 217
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 1725)

Dear Representative Benton:

This bill would amend provisions relating to allowable investments under the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority law. Specifically, this bill would increase the percentage of assets that most 'eligible large retirement systems' may invest in alternative investments. Currently, alternative investments may not in the aggregate exceed five percent of a system's assets at any time. If this legislation is enacted, the allowable investment percentage would increase to 10 percent.

Legislation enacted during the 2020 Session of the General Assembly removed the prohibition on the Teachers Retirement System to invest in alternative investments. However, if this legislation is enacted, the Teachers Retirement System would still be required to limit its use of alternative investments to five percent of the system's assets at any time.

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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