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The Honorable Randy Robertson
State Senator
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 305-A
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 43 1899)

Dear Senator Robertson:

This bill would amend several provisions relating to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund of Georgia. The specific changes outlined in this bill are as follows.

1The cost for members wishing to purchase prior creditable service would increase from \$37.50 per month of creditable service purchased to \$65 per month.

2Dues paid by active members would increase from \$45 per month to \$65 per month. It should be noted that members are not required to pay dues once they earn 30 years of creditable service.

3This bill would increase the fees paid to the Fund for civil filings in superior courts, state courts, and magistrate courts. Currently Fund receives \$1 for each proceeding. This bill would increase the fees to \$5 for each proceeding.

4An additional revenue source would be available to the Fund. Under the provisions of this bill, the Fund would receive \$2 from each fee collected prior to adjudication of guilt for purposes of pretrial diversion pertaining to any criminal or quasi-criminal case for violation of state statutes, county ordinances, or municipal ordinances.

5The death benefit paid to survivors would increase from \$15,000 to \$35,000.

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

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin

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