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The Honorable Barry Fleming
State Representative
State Capitol, Room 131-A
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SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 2044)

Dear Representative Fleming:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement benefits payable to appellate court judges covered under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. If this legislation is enacted, an appellate court judge would be eligible to receive normal retirement benefits once he or she reaches the age of 60. Currently, such members are not eligible for normal retirement benefits until they reach age 65. Additionally, this legislation would amend provisions to specify that a surviving spouse would be eligible to receive a benefit without regard to whether such judge had attained age 60.

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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