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The Honorable Randy Robertson
Chairman, Senate Retirement Committee
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 305-A
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 167
(LC 43 2258S)

Dear Chairman Robertson:

This substitute 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 substitute bill is a reduction in cost amendment as defined in the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. A copy of the actuarial investigation and State Auditor Summary for Senate Bill 167 (LC 43 2258S) is attached.

Respectfully,

/s/ Greg S. Griffin

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