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The Honorable Doreen Carter
State Representative
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 509-G
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 2633)

Dear Representative Carter:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement benefits under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia. During the 2022 Session of the General Assembly, House Bill 385 was enacted to allow certain retired teachers to return to full-time service and continue receiving their benefits. To be eligible for this benefit, the retired teacher must:

- Return to full-time instruction in one of the three "highest areas of need" for the designated RESA;
- Have earned at least 30 years of creditable service; and
- Have been retired for at least one year.

The provisions enacted through House Bill 385 were set to expire on June 30, 2026.

This legislation would extend these benefits through June 30, 2027. Additionally, this bill would expand the instructional areas within an individual RESA in which a school district could hire retired teachers from three to six.

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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