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The Honorable John Carson
Chairman, House Retirement Committee
State Capitol, Room 401-E
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
House Bill (LC 43 2718)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This bill would amend the definition of 'earnable compensation' under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia. Currently, 'earnable compensation' is defined as the full rate of regular compensation payable to a member employee for his or her full normal working time excluding any supplements from local funds. If this legislation is enacted, the definition of'earnable compensation' would be amended to also include any compensation supplements other than those derived from local funds.

Currently, retirement benefits for members of the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia are calculated based on an employee's highest average monthly earnable compensation during a period of 24 consecutive months. If this legislation is enacted, 'earnable compensation' would be calculated to include any compensation supplements, exclusive of supplements paid from local funds. As a result, a member's 'earnable compensation' calculation could increase, which would increase the monthly retirement allowance due to a member.

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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