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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
Substitute to Senate Bill 240 (LC 56 0205S)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to membership in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia as it relates to certain charter school employees. Specifically, this bill would prohibit employees of charter schools from joining the Teachers Retirement System if the nonprofit governing board of the charter school elects to provide the employees with an alternative retirement plan. This would only apply to persons hired on or after June 1, 2024.

Furthermore, this substitute bill would amend provisions relating to the Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law. Current law authorizes most eligible large retirement systems to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments. However, the Employees' Retirement System and the Teachers Retirement System are limited to a five percent investment in alternative investments. If this legislation is enacted, the limitation currently placed on the Employees' Retirement System would be removed and the System would be authorized to invest up to 10 percent of their assets in alternative investments.

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

Respectfully,

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