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The Honorable Randy Robertson
State Senator
State Capitol, Room 421-D
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 56 0342)

Dear Senator Robertson:

This bill would amend provisions relating to retirement allowances under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. Currently, members who select the single life annuity option upon retirement receive a benefit equal to \$30 per month for each year of creditable service. This bill would increase the monthly allowance to \$40 per month for each year of creditable service.

This bill would also amend provisions relating to the amount of 9-1-1 charges imposed on wireless telecommunications that are remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. In 2022, legislation was enacted to allow communications officers to become members of the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund. This legislation also authorized a portion of 9-1-1 charges to be remitted to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund for purposes of funding the benefit costs associated with communications officers that elect to join the Fund. Currently, the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund receives .75 percent of the charges collected. This legislation would increase the percentage received by the Fund to 40.75 percent of the charges collected. It should be noted that these provisions are referenced in §38-3-188 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, instead of Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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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