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

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 285 (LC 56 0343S)

Dear Senator Robertson:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to the Emergency Communications Authority and emergency telephone number 9-1-1 specific to the charges imposed on wireless telecommunications providers. Furthermore, this bill increases the percentage of all 9-1-1 charges to be 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 the proposed changes relating to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund are included in §38-3-188 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and this legislation does not make any changes directly to Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

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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