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The Honorable Russ Goodman
State Senator
Coverdell Legislative Office Building, Room 301-A
Atlanta, GA 30334

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Senate Bill (LC 56 0507)

Dear Senator Goodman:

This bill would amend provisions relating to powers of the Board of Commissioners of the Judges of the Probate Courts Retirement Fund of Georgia. Current law requires members to pay dues of \$105 per month for no more than 30 years. This bill would provide the Board with the ability to set the monthly dues amount for members at a minimum of \$105 but no more than \$150 per month. The Board's determination of the amount would be based on a recommendation of the actuary to ensure actuarial soundness of the Fund. If enacted, this legislation would become effective July 1, 2026.

Additionally, this bill would change the amounts remitted by probate court judges to the Board on the collection of certain fees. The current percentage remitted of 20% of all fees collected for marriage licenses would increase to 25%, and the \$2 remitted on the collection of each civil filing fee would increase to \$5.

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

Respectfully,

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