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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 House Bill 1020 (LC 56 0573S)

Dear Chairman Carson:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to creditable service under the Georgia Judicial Retirement System (JRS). Currently, persons who became members of the JRS on or after July 1, 2025 can retire after the age of 60, but service earned as a superior court judge is excluded from their service credit calculation until the member has attained the age of 65. This bill would limit that exclusion to JRS members who joined between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026. For members joining on or after July 1, 2026, the bill would expand the restrictions to exclude both service as a superior court judge or as a district attorney from the member's service credit calculation until the member has attained the age of 65. Once such person reaches the age of 65, their service credit will be recalculated to include service as a superior court judge or district attorney.

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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H. B. 1020 (SUB)