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

SUBJECT: State Auditor's Certification
Substitute to Senate Bill 285 (LC 56 0625S)

Dear Senator Robertson:

This substitute bill would amend provisions relating to revenue collected for the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund on telephone services. Currently, the primary sources of revenue for the Fund come from fines and fees collected on delinquent bonds of criminal and quasi-criminal cases and from a portion of 9-1-1 charges. This bill would provide for an additional revenue source from fees of telephone services. Definitions of telephone services are outlined in this bill to mean any call from one subscriber to another, which may include wireless services, computer services, and mobile telecommunications.

Under the provisions of this substitute bill, a 'public safety support surcharge' would be created on telephone services. The surcharge would be in the amount of \$1 per month per telephone service for monthly subscribers, and \$1 per retail transaction on any purchase of prepaid wireless services. The respective service provider or retail vendor would collect these surcharges on behalf of customers for remittance into the state treasury. Such funds would subsequently be distributed to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund for the sole purpose of supporting benefits paid to the Fund's members.

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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