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Senate Bill 1337 (as introduced 9-19-00)
Sponsor: Senator Philip E. Hoffman
Committee: Local, Urban and State Affairs

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CONTENT

The bill would allow the State Administrative Board to convey certain property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections in Jackson County to the Grand River Environmental Action Team (GREAT) in exchange for two nearby parcels of land.

Specifically, the State Administrative Board, on behalf of the State, could convey to GREAT, a private nonprofit institution, certain property under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections and located in Jackson County (referred to as Parcel A), in exchange for two nearby parcels of land (referred to as Parcels B and C) on the opposite side of the Grand River.

The State would have to retain all development and mineral rights associated with Parcel A, while acquiring all development and mineral rights associated with Parcels B and C, to help preserve the State's security and conservation interests in all three parcels of land.

The bill would require GREAT to convey Parcels B and C to the State before any of Parcel A was deeded to GREAT. After the conveyance was received, the Attorney General would promptly have to examine the title to the conveyed lands, and certify in writing to the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) whether or not the conveyance was sufficient to vest in the State a good and sufficient title to the land, free from any deleterious liens and encumbrances. If the Attorney General certified that the deed vested a good and sufficient title to the land, the DMB would have to execute a quitclaim deed for Parcel A on behalf of the State to GREAT. The quitclaim deed would have to be approved in advance of execution by the Attorney General.

The DMB would be responsible for brokering, managing, and implementing the land exchange on behalf of the State, as provided under the bill. The DMB would have to be compensated directly by the Department of Corrections or by GREAT, or both (as the parties could mutually agree in advance) for all costs incurred in discharging those functions, including the costs of commissioning any professional surveys the DMB considered necessary and prudent.

Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have essentially no fiscal impact as the parcels of land in the exchange are reportedly of like value and similar in size. Since under the current structure, some State-owned land is on the other side of the river, there could be some administrative efficiencies from having all State-owned property on the same side of the river, especially in regard to security concerns of the Department of Corrections.

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