

Property Conveyance - Branch Intermediate School District Kellogg Community College

House Bill 5186 (H-1) As Reported by the House Appropriations Committee
Sponsor: Representative Kurtz
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SUMMARY OF THE BILL:

House Bill 5186 would authorize the Branch Intermediate School District Board of Education to convey two parcels of property, located in Coldwater, for \$1.00, to the State Administrative Board. The bill would authorize the State Administrative Board to convey the same two parcels of property back to the Branch Intermediate School District Board of Education, for \$1.00, with different purposes for which the property can be used. Currently, the property is to be used exclusively for public educational purposes. Under the bill, the property would be used exclusively for public purposes, such as a community college.

An approximate legal description of the parcels of property is set forth in the bill. The state would be authorized to reenter and repossess the property if the property was not being used for public purposes.

The property would be conveyed by a quitclaim deed approved by the Attorney General. The state would reserve rights to aboriginal antiquities, including the right to explore, excavate, and take them. Aboriginal antiquities include mounds, earthworks, forts, burial and village sites, mines, and other relics that are found on, within, or under the property.

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Public Act 225 of 1971, Parcel A was originally conveyed to Branch Intermediate School District Board of Education to be used for the purpose of a building site for a vocational technical area center and for public educational purposes. Pursuant to Public Act 44 of 1978, Parcel B was originally conveyed to Branch Intermediate School District to be used solely for special and vocational education programs and services. Public Act 56 of 1995 amended Public Act 44 of 1978 to provide instead that the property conveyed be used for public educational purposes.

Kellogg Community College has an off-campus facility located on the property. The Grahl Center opened in August 1994. The property consists of 16.1 acres of land and the Grahl Center consists of 21,725 sq. ft. of space. The Grahl Center houses administrative offices, two main computer classrooms, one open computer lab, a general purpose science room, eight general classrooms, and a student lounge.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or on local units of government.

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