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Senate Bill 733 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Nick Smith
Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation

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RATIONALE

The Branch Area Transit Authority has plans to build a bus garage and main staging facility in the City of Coldwater. The Authority reportedly has examined several parcels of land that are not suitable for construction, but has determined that a 14 acre parcel owned by the State is appropriate and conveniently located. Some people believe that the State-owned land should be conveyed to the Branch Area Transit Authority.

CONTENT

The bill would authorize the State Administrative Board to convey to the Branch Area Transit Authority, for \$1, property located in the City of Coldwater, Branch County, subject to any easements, restrictions, or conditions of record. The conveyance would have to provide that the land had to be used exclusively for public purposes and, upon termination of that use, or upon use for any other purpose, title to the land would revert immediately to the State, with the State assuming no liability for improvements made at the expense of the Branch Area Transit Authority. The conveyance would have to be by quitclaim deed approved by the Attorney General, and reserve to the State all rights to coal, oil, gas, and other mineral rights found on, within, or under the land.

FISCAL IMPACT

The revenue from the sale of the property (\$1) would be deposited in the State General Fund.

No appraisal on the actual value of the property is being made because the land would be transferred exclusively for public purposes.

ARGUMENTS**Supporting Argument**

The 14-acre parcel of State-owned land in Coldwater is the most suitable site for the Branch Area Transit Authority's proposed bus garage and staging facility. If conveyed to the Authority, the land would be used for a public purpose and the structure built there would serve the people of Coldwater and Branch County.

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