

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 1714 — Sale of Surplus-owned Office Buildings and Associated Nonconservation Lands

by Senator Bradley

The bill removes the requirement that state universities and Florida College System institutions be offered the opportunity to lease a building or parcel of land with priority consideration before the same property is offered to another government entity or private party. The bill also requires that, when appraising the value of surplus lands, the Division of State Lands must base the value on the “highest and best use” of the property after considering any applicable developmental rights.

Funds received through the sale of surplus state-owned office buildings and associated nonconservation lands must be deposited into the Architects Incidental Trust Fund rather than into the Internal Improvement Trust Fund. These funds must be used for the acquisition, lease, planning, entitlement, design, permitting, construction, or maintenance of state-owned office buildings.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 115-0