

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SB 282:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to the state highway system, so as to provide for the creation of alternative tourism
3 routes; to provide for the designation of such routes; to provide for the construction and
4 maintenance of welcome centers on such routes; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 4 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
9 state highway system, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

10 "32-4-24.

11 (a) The board shall designate as alternative tourism routes roads that are a part of the state
12 highway system that traverse the state and pass through or in close proximity to historic
13 sites or tourist attractions in the state. Interstate highways that traverse the state shall not
14 be eligible for designation as an alternative tourism route. The initial alternative tourism
15 routes shall be U. S. Highway 27 and U. S. Highway 441.

16 (b) The board shall consult with the Department of Economic Development, county
17 governing authorities, and historical sites and tourist attractions located in this state in the
18 selection of additional alternative tourism routes. The Department of Economic
19 Development shall promote such routes and sites and attractions along such routes to the
20 motoring public.

21 (c) Subject to the appropriation process, the department may within five years of the
22 designation of an alternative tourism route construct within 20 miles of the state line on
23 each end of such route a welcome center. Subject to the appropriation process, if the
24 department decides to construct such a center, it shall negotiate and contract with the local
25 governing authorities where the welcome center is located for the maintenance and
26 operation of such center."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.