

Senate Bill 82

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Brass of the 28th, Jones of the 25th and Ginn of the 47th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-2-43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 appointment and responsibilities of the director of planning for the Department of
3 Transportation, so as to provide for the appointment of a chief innovation officer to
4 coordinate and develop technology based improvements and solutions to transportation
5 needs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 32-2-43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the appointment
9 and responsibilities of the director of planning for the Department of Transportation, is
10 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(c) The director of planning shall appoint a chief innovation officer to serve at the
12 pleasure of the director. The chief innovation officer shall be responsible for the
13 coordination and development of technology based improvements and solutions to
14 transportation needs. The chief innovation officer shall report findings and suggestions for
15 technology advancements and possible partnerships with private entities to the director of
16 planning for inclusion in the state-wide strategic transportation plan and state-wide
17 transportation improvement plan."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.