

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/CS/SB 268 — Sponsorship of State Greenways and Trails

by Environmental Preservation and Conservation Committee; Commerce and Tourism Committee; Transportation Committee; and Senator Wise

The bill authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to enter into agreements with not-for-profit or private-sector entities allowing those entities to sponsor signage on state-owned greenway and trail facilities in the form of commercial displays. Signs may only be erected after departmental review and approval, and are restricted in relation to placement, size, terms, materials, and construction.

The bill describes how proceeds from the agreements are to be distributed: 85 percent to the appropriate department trust fund to manage and operate state trails and greenways, and 15 percent to the State Transportation Trust Fund for use in the Florida Traffic and Bicycle Safety Education program and the Florida Safe Routes to School program.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 29-4; House 112-6