

**SB313 INTRODUCED**



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to oversee the design, construction, and installation of a replica of the Saturn 1B Rocket, if the original rocket is beyond restoration or repair, previously located at the I-65 Ardmore Welcome Center in Elkmont, Alabama, at the most northern I-65 rest stop in the state.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs; to require the department to oversee the design, construction, and installation of a replica Saturn 1B Rocket, if the original rocket is beyond restoration or repair, at the most northern I-65 rest stop in the state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs shall commission the design and construction and provide for the installation of a replica of the Saturn 1B Rocket, if the original rocket is beyond restoration or repair, at the northern most rest stop off of Interstate 65 in



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29 the state. The department may contract with any other state or  
30 private entity to accomplish the purposes of this act. The  
31 original Saturn 1B Rocket was donated by the National  
32 Aeronautics and Space Administration and, since 1979, has  
33 stood off of Interstate 65 at the Ardmore Welcome Center in  
34 Elkmont, Alabama. The department may accept public or private  
35 gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind services, for  
36 use in commissioning the rocket, and may also use funds  
37 appropriated to the department by the Legislature for the  
38 purposes provided in this section.

39 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first  
40 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
41 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.