



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the ODOT Director to enter into an agreement or contract with any entity to establish a traveler information program to provide real-time traffic conditions and travel time information free to travelers.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Traveler information program

The bill authorizes the ODOT Director to enter into cooperative or contractual agreements with any individual, organization, or business to create or promote a traveler information program that provides real-time traffic conditions and travel time information by telephone, text message, internet, or other similar means at no cost to the traveler. Under the bill, the Director may contract with a program manager, and the program manager is responsible for all costs associated with the development and operation of the traveler information program. Under the bill, any compensation due to a program manager or vendor may include deferred compensation in an amount determined by the ODOT Director. Also, excess revenue must be remitted to ODOT for deposit into the Highway Operating Fund.¹

Without reference to any particular program, the bill establishes that any materials or data submitted to, made available to, or received by the ODOT Director, to the extent that the materials or data consist of trade secrets (as defined in the existing Trade Practices portion of the Ohio Uniform Commercial Code), or commercial or financial information, are confidential and are not public records.²

¹ R.C. 5501.03(E).

² R.C. 5501.03(F).

HISTORY

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