
Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Bill Provisions

The bill permits townships to erect and maintain signposts, traffic signals, and other traffic control devices at intersecting roads, if one of the roads is a township road. Townships are also permitted to purchase or lease traffic control devices.

If one of the intersecting roads is a state highway, the bill requires a township to obtain permission from the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) prior to erecting any signage or traffic control devices. ODOT is required to maintain any traffic control device it approves. The bill also requires a township to seek the approval of the county engineer before erecting any traffic control device if one of the roads at the proposed intersection is a county road.

Permissive State Costs

If the Director of the Department of Transportation permitted one or more townships to erect traffic control devices at locations where there is an intersection of a state highway and a township road, ODOT would incur additional costs to maintain such a device or devices. The amount of expense would depend on the number of intersections and the type of traffic control devices installed statewide.

Permissive Local Costs

Townships that chose to use the permissive authority granted in the bill could incur additional costs to purchase, erect, and maintain any signage or traffic control devices. Examples of possible purchase costs include* :

Item	Cost
Signpost	\$10 to \$20
Traffic sign	\$15 to \$50
Traffic signal system for an intersection	\$30,000 to \$120,000

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*Cost figures were obtained from private companies' web sites or via phone conversations with company representatives.