Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL: **S.B. 44** DATE: **October 9, 2007**

STATUS: **As Reported by Senate Highways & Transportation** SPONSOR: **Sen. Carey**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**

CONTENTS: **To permit local jurisdictions to request the Director of Transportation to designate a name for a bridge that is part of the state highway system**

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2008	FY 2009	FUTURE YEARS
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 002)			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Negligible increase in administrative costs	Negligible increase in administrative costs	Negligible increase in administrative costs

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2007 is July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.

- The Department of Transportation may experience a negligible increase in administrative costs to review and approve bridge-naming requests from local governments.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2007	FY 2008	FUTURE YEARS
Counties, Municipalities, and Townships			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Potential increase of $500 to install a single set of signs and maintain them	Potential increase of $500 to install a single set of signs and maintain them	Potential increase of $500 to install a single set of signs and maintain them

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- Local governments that choose to erect signs indicating a bridge name, and are approved by ODOT, may do so at an estimated cost of $500, more or less, for a single set of signs. Future minimal costs may arise to maintain the signs.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Bridge Naming

Under the bill, similar to highway naming procedures, an individual county and the townships and municipalities with that county, may submit a request to the Director of Transportation to give a bridge that is part of the state highway system a distinctive name. As is the case for highway naming, no bridge may have more than one name in a county and no bridge may be named under the bill's provisions if a municipality has already designated a name for the bridge. If the Director approves the request, the local government may, at its own expense, post signs indicating the name of the bridge within the county.

The Department of Transportation may experience negligible costs to review and approve the request. As for local governments, they may incur costs similar to the state for bridge sign posting and maintenance. These costs are typically $500 for a single set of signs. Any costs incurred by local governments would be considered permissive.

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