



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. S.B. 312 of the 128th G.A. **Date:** December 2, 2010
Status: As Reported by Senate Highways & Transportation **Sponsor:** Sen. Patton

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — Permissive

Contents: Designates certain memorial highways and requires the Director of Transportation to erect certain directional signs

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur one-time minimal costs of up to a few thousand dollars in FY 2011 from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to manufacture two sets of memorial highway markers as well as two other directional signs.
- ODOT could incur a one-time minimal cost in FY 2011 of up to approximately \$600 from Fund 7002 to manufacture a set of memorial highway markers for the designated portion of Pearl Road in the city of Cleveland. However, the city would be required to reimburse ODOT for the cost of manufacturing these signs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- If the city of Cleveland chooses to install memorial markers along the designated portion of Pearl Road, the city could incur costs of up to approximately \$600 for installing a set of flatsheet signs. If ODOT manufactures the signs on the city's behalf, the city would be required to reimburse ODOT for the cost.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

Overview

The bill designates portions of three roads as memorial highways. These are listed, along with their approximate locations, in the table below. Also included in the table is a column describing the entity likely to be responsible for signage costs, according to guidelines in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) Traffic Engineering Manual.

Memorial Highway Designations in Sub. S.B. 312			
Designation	Road	County (Municipality)	Sign Costs Paid By
Lance Corporal David Mendez Ruiz Memorial Highway	Pearl Road (US-42/SR 3)	Cuyahoga (Cleveland)	City of Cleveland
Senior Airman Alecia Good Memorial Highway	I-77	Cuyahoga (Broadview Heights)	ODOT
Corporal Brad Anthony Davis Memorial Highway	I-480	Cuyahoga (Garfield Heights)	ODOT

In addition to the memorial highway designations, the bill directs the Director of Transportation to erect two directional signs in Hocking County: one at the intersection of United States Route 33 and State Route 180 indicating the way to Hocking College; the other at the intersection of United States Route 33 and State Route 328 indicating the way to Logan High School and Logan Middle School.

ODOT would incur minimal costs of up to a few thousand dollars or so from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to manufacture and install two sets of suitable memorial highway signs along the designated portions of interstate in Cuyahoga County and the two directional signs located in Hocking County. If the city of Cleveland opts to install memorial markers along the designated portion of Pearl Road, it could cost the city up to approximately \$600 for a set of flatsheet signs, including materials, equipment, and labor. This stretch of roadway lies within the Old Brooklyn area of the city and also serves as U.S. Route 42 and State Route 3.

The procedure for installing and paying for signs is governed by ODOT policy. According to guidance in ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual, the appropriate ODOT district is to furnish and install signs on interstate highways within municipal corporation limits that are designated as memorial highways by the legislature under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code. In contrast, the Traffic Engineering Manual makes municipal corporations responsible for installing such memorial signs on U.S. and state routes within city limits. ODOT may, however, furnish the signs to a municipal corporation for a fee to cover manufacturing costs. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.