



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** [Sub. H.B. 36 of the 130th G.A.](#)

**Date:** December 4, 2014

**Status:** As Passed by the Senate

**Sponsor:** Rep. Johnson

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates the Southern Ohio Veterans Memorial Highway, the Specialist 4 Samuel Johnson Memorial Highway, and the Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor, to install appropriate markers along the sections of State Route 823 in Scioto County and State Route 41 in Adams County designated as the Southern Ohio Veterans Memorial Highway and the Specialist 4 Samuel A. Johnson Memorial Highway, respectively.
- It is unclear what entity would be responsible for the costs of placing signs on the bridge that the bill designates as the Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge, whether the state of Ohio or city of Ironton, or if the state of Kentucky would also be involved.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Peebles may incur a cost if it requests that ODOT install signs for the portion of the designated highway that falls within municipal boundaries.
- Although unclear, it may be that the city of Ironton will be responsible for the cost of installing signs designating the Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

### Memorial Highways

#### **Southern Ohio Veterans Memorial Highway**

The bill designates the portion of State Route 823 in Scioto County, extending between U.S. Route 23 and U.S. Route 52, as the Southern Ohio Veterans Memorial Highway. State Route 823, also to be known as the Portsmouth Bypass, is planned for construction in the summer of 2015 and is expected to take several years to complete. When a highway is designated as a memorial, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) typically installs a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. Alternatively, the marker can be placed along the highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. According to ODOT, the costs of installing signs for memorial highways are approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

#### **Specialist 4 Samuel A. Johnson Memorial Highway**

The bill designates the portion of State Route 41 in Scioto County, extending between Rarden Road and Cemetery Road, as the Specialist 4 Samuel A. Johnson Memorial Highway. A portion of the route designated in the bill is located within the city of Peebles. When the General Assembly designates memorial highways under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code and those roadways are U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual specifies that ODOT is not responsible for the installation of memorial signs. However, ODOT may furnish signs to the municipality. In this case, the nominal cost of acquiring, installing, and replacing the signs would be borne by the city of Peebles.

#### **Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge**

The bill designates the yet-to-be-completed bridge over the Ohio River between the city of Ironton and Kentucky as the Oakley C. Collins Memorial Bridge. As the bridge will not carry an interstate highway, state route, or U.S. route across the river, it is unclear whether the state of Ohio or the city of Ironton would be responsible for the costs of any signs marking the bridge's memorial designation. Additionally, it is unclear if the state of Kentucky would need to be involved since the bridge extends between Ohio and that state.