Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: Sub. H.B. 440 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: December 17, 2014

Status: As Enacted **Sponsor**: Rep. Brown

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates various memorial highways and bridges

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur minimal costs to the Highway Operating Fund to install signs marking most of the designated memorial highways under the bill. If any of the municipalities in the bill opt to have ODOT supply the signs, they would be charged for the cost but would still be responsible for the cost of installation.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The cities or villages containing designated memorial highways entirely within their borders are responsible for the full cost of any signage for the memorial highways designated within their boundaries. Overall, these costs are minimal.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates 24 new memorial highways and bridges on portions of various state routes, United States highways, and interstate highways throughout Ohio. The table below on page 3 summarizes these highways in the order that they appear in the bill, including the location of the highway and the entity responsible for paying any signage costs. The commemorations honor members of the armed forces of the United States and first responders who have passed away.

The cost of signage to mark the highways is paid either by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) or the municipal corporation through which the roadway passes, pursuant to ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual.[1] In most cases above, ODOT will be responsible for the costs of installing signs to mark the designated roads. In cases where municipal corporations contain designated memorial highways entirely within their boundaries, the municipalities would be responsible for reimbursing ODOT for all signage costs. In other cases, where only a portion of a designated memorial highway passes through a municipal corporation, ODOT and the involved municipalities may share the costs, as those designated highways are not entirely contained within municipal boundaries.

Overall, ODOT and the associated municipalities would incur no more than minimal costs to install signs on each of the designated memorial highways in the bill. According to ODOT, the cost to manufacture and install a single set of flatsheet signs at one location is approximately $350 to $400 per sign, depending on sign size and equipment needed. 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. When a highway or bridge is designated as a memorial, ODOT's policy is to install a marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway or near the bridge instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

Change to existing memorial highway

The bill amends the location of an existing memorial road. Under the bill, the Sgt. 1st Class Daniel B. Crabtree Memorial Road is to be moved from within the village of Hartville to outside of the village, but only within Summit County. This will result in a minimal fiscal effect to ODOT and the village to coordinate the moving of the existing memorial signage.

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[1] Under ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual, for memorial highways designated in Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code, municipalities that opt to install signs designating memorial highways and bridges are responsible for reimbursing ODOT for those signage costs on United States routes and state routes within their borders, while ODOT covers the costs of memorial highway signs outside municipal borders and interstate highways within municipal borders.

Memorial Highway and Bridge Designations in Sub. H.B. 440			
Designation	**Road to be named**	**County (Municipality, if applicable)**	**Sign costs paid by**
Captain Everett "Butch" Keaton Memorial Highway	US-23	Pike County	ODOT
Staff Sergeant Wesley Williams Memorial Highway	US-40	Clark County	ODOT
Captain Dennis Pintor Memorial Highway	SR-309	Allen County (Elida)	Village of Elida
U.S.M.C. LCpl. Daniel G. Zegarac Memorial Highway	SR-306	Lake County (Kirtland)	City of Kirtland
Chief Petty Officer Raymond Border Memorial Highway	US-36	Coshocton County	ODOT
Staff Sergeant Bradley C. Hart Memorial Roadway	SR-65	Wood County (Perrysburg)	City of Perrysburg
Trooper Charles V. Vogel, Jr. Memorial Highway	I-70	Clark County	ODOT
Persian Gulf Veterans Bridge	SR-46, SR-169	Trumbull County (Niles)	City of Niles
Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Bridge	SR-46	Trumbull County (Niles)	City of Niles
World War I Veterans Highway	US-20	Ashtabula County	ODOT
Veterans Memorial Highway	SR-43, SR-164	Jefferson County (Amsterdam, Bergholz)	Village of Amsterdam/ Village of Bergholz
U.S. Army Specialist Justin Helton Memorial Highway	SR-124, SR-32	Pike County	ODOT
Marine Sergeant James Prommersberger and Army Second Lieutenant Charles W. Brown Memorial Highway	I-76	Mahoning County (Canfield)	ODOT
LCpl Josh McDaniels Memorial Highway	I-70	Madison County / Franklin County (Columbus)	ODOT
Specialist Angel L. Lopez Memorial Highway	I-71	Cuyahoga County (Cleveland)	ODOT
Navy Diver 1st Class James E. Reyher Memorial Highway	SR-147	Noble County	ODOT
Cpl. James E. Blevins Memorial Highway	SR-7	Jefferson County	ODOT
Army Cpl. Nathan B. Carse Memorial Highway	SR-309	Allen County	ODOT
U.S.M.C. Lance Corporal Dustin R. Fitzgerald "Dusty" Memorial Highway	SR-201	Montgomery County (Huber Heights)	City of Huber Heights
U.S. Army Private First Class James P. White, Jr. "J.P." Memorial Highway	SR-202	Montgomery County (Huber Heights)	City of Huber Heights
Army Spc. Joseph "Joey" Riley Memorial Highway	I-71	Franklin County (Grove City)	ODOT
Patrolman Carl "Shorty" Thrush Memorial Highway	SR-328	Hocking County	ODOT
Officer Justin Winebrenner Memorial Highway	US-224	Summit County	ODOT
OSHP Sgt. John F. Best Memorial Highway	US-23	Wyandot County	ODOT