Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 636 of the 130th G.A. **Date**: December 3, 2014

Status: As Reported by House Transportation, Public Safety, and Homeland Security **Sponsor**: Rep. Hood

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Patrolman Carl "Shorty" Thrush Memorial Highway

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 designated section of State Route 328 in Hocking County.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates the portion of State Route 328 in Hocking County, extending between U.S. Route 33 and State Route 56, as the Patrolman Carl "Shorty" Thrush Memorial Highway. When a highway is designated as a memorial, the policy of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is first to install a memorial 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 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 knocked down or damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

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