



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 148 of the 130th G.A.

Date: November 25, 2014

Status: As Passed by the House

Sponsor: Sens. Turner and Patton

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Army Pvt. Brandon Sloan Memorial Highway

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) could incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor, to install appropriate markers along the designated section of I-271 in Cuyahoga County.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates the portion of Interstate 271 in Cuyahoga County that falls within the boundaries of the city of Bedford Heights as the Army Pvt. Brandon Sloan 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.

The section of highway designated in the bill is located entirely within the city of Bedford Heights. In cases where memorial highways designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533 of the Revised Code fall on interstate highways within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual provides that signs are to be furnished by the ODOT district in which the designated stretch of highway lies. 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.