



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 209 of the 130th G.A. **Date:** January 22, 2014
Status: As Reported by Senate Transportation **Sponsor:** Sen. Manning

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Sgt. Louis Torres 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 on the highway designated in the bill. ODOT could be reimbursed by the cities of Oberlin and Amherst for some or all of these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The cities of Oberlin and Amherst could incur a nominal fee if it requests ODOT to install signs for the highway named in the bill.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 58 in Lorain County, running between State Route 511 in the city of Oberlin and Cleveland Avenue/North Ridge Road in the city of Amherst, as the Sgt. Louis Torres Memorial Highway. When a highway or bridge is named by the General Assembly, 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 highway named in the bill extends in a northerly direction between endpoints in the cities of Oberlin and Amherst. In cases where memorial highways designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code fall on U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual directs that signs are not to be installed by ODOT, but that ODOT may furnish signs to the municipality for a commensurate fee. 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.