



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 179 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** October 8, 2015
Status: As Reported by Senate Transportation, **Sponsor:** Sen. Hite
Commerce & Labor

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Lt. Col. Ralph D. Cole Memorial Bridge

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) could incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign to provide appropriate markers along the memorial bridge, which is located in the city of Findlay. ODOT would be reimbursed by the city of Findlay for these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Findlay will incur costs of between \$350 and \$400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing the memorial highway signs. Findlay would also bear the cost of installation.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a bridge in the city of Findlay as the Lt. Col. Ralph D. Cole Memorial Bridge. The bridge runs on State Route 37, spanning the Blanchard River within the city of Findlay. In cases where memorial roadways designated by the General Assembly fall on U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT's Traffic Engineering Manual states that ODOT may furnish signs for a fee that covers the cost of producing the signs. Findlay would also incur the costs for installing the signs. According to ODOT, these costs 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.

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