



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 22 of the 132nd G.A.

Status: As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

Sponsor: Rep. Hambley

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Designates the Sergeant James F. Allen III Memorial Highway

As a result of the bill, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur a minimal cost for producing memorial signs, and the cities of Wadsworth and Norton will incur minimal costs for installing them. Specifically, the bill designates a span of State Route 261 within Medina and Summit counties as the Sergeant James F. Allen III Memorial Highway. The stretch runs from the route's intersection with State Route 94 and the intersection with State Route 21.

This memorial highway runs between intersections located within the city of Wadsworth and the city of Norton. If a memorial highway runs through a municipality, ODOT produces the signs for the city or village and may request reimbursement for the cost. ODOT, however, does not currently seek this reimbursement. The signs are installed by municipal workers, though, resulting in minimal costs for the cities and villages where the memorial highway is located. According to ODOT, the cost of producing and installing a set of signs for memorial highways and bridges is approximately \$350 to \$400, including materials and labor. For this memorial highway, the cost is thus shared between the Department and the two cities. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years.

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