



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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| <b>Bill:</b>   | S.B. 190 of the 131st G.A. | <b>Date:</b>    | December 10, 2015 |
| <b>Status:</b> | As Passed by the House     | <b>Sponsor:</b> | Sen. Gardner      |

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates memorial highways in Erie County

### 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 memorials designated under the bill. All locations designated as memorials are within Erie County. ODOT would be reimbursed for some of these costs by the cities of Huron and Sandusky.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The cities of Huron and Sandusky will incur costs of between \$350 and \$400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing the memorial signs at the locations that fall within the city limits of those municipalities. Huron and Sandusky would also bear the cost of installation.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates five different memorial markers to be placed in Erie County, including three memorial interchanges, one memorial highway, and one memorial pedestrian bridge. Specifically, the bill creates the following memorials: (1) the Sgt. James C. Fekete, SF Memorial Interchange in the city of Huron at the intersection of U.S. Route 6, State Route 2, and Rye Beach Road, (2) the FN James C. Baumer, USN Memorial Interchange in Huron Township at the intersection of State Route 2 and State Route 13, (3) the Sgt. Terrance R. Mesenburg, USA Memorial Interchange in Huron Township at the intersection of State Route 2 and Berlin Road, (4) the Army Specialist Charles E. Odums II Memorial Highway in the city of Sandusky on U.S. Route 6 running between State Route 4 and Cedar Point Drive, and (5) the Sgt. Michael W. Finke, Jr. U.S.M.C. Memorial Walkover in the city of Huron, on a pedestrian bridge stretching from South Jim Campbell Boulevard to Adams Avenue.

Where memorial roadways or specific areas along those roadways 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. Thus, for the two intersections where memorials are to be located within the city of Huron, the city will be required to pay for the signage and installation costs under ODOT policy. This is also the case for the memorial highway designated within the city of Sandusky. Huron and Sandusky would also each incur the costs of installing the signs at the designated intersections. According to ODOT, the cost is approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. For the other two designated memorial locations, both within Huron Township, ODOT must pay the signage costs. 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.