

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 190 of the 131st G.A. **Date**: October 5, 2015

Status: As Introduced Sponsor: Sen. Gardner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the Army Specialist Charles E. Odums II Memorial Highway

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 designated memorial roadway on U.S. Route 6 in the city of Sandusky. ODOT would be reimbursed by the city of Sandusky for these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

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

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of U.S. Route 6 in the city of Sandusky, running between Butler Street and Cedar Point Drive, as the Army Specialist Charles E. Odums II Memorial Highway. When a roadway is named by the General Assembly, the common practice is to install a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, or other appropriate location. If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the roadway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

The roadway named in the bill extends in an easterly direction between endpoints in the city of Sandusky. In cases where memorial 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. Sandusky would incur the costs of installing the signs, which according to ODOT can be 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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