



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 107 of the 131st G.A.

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Stinziano and Retherford

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Permits people or organizations to request the Department of Transportation or a local authority to reduce the speed limit or erect a stop sign in certain circumstances

State Fiscal Highlights

- There could be a minimal increase in costs out of the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to consider any requests for a speed limit reduction or the installation of a stop sign that may be submitted as authorized under the bill.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- There could be a minimal increase in costs for municipalities to consider requests for the installation of a stop sign that may be submitted under the procedure in the bill.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill allows a person, neighborhood association, or other organization to submit a petition to address two discreet roadway safety issues: (1) that a speed limit currently 35 miles per hour or lower on a street or highway be reduced, or (2) that a stop sign be erected at an intersection. For the speed limit request, the request must be submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), while for the stop sign request, the request would go to either ODOT or the local authority, depending on the entity with jurisdiction over the street or highway at issue. Generally, the person, neighborhood association, or other organization must reside or be located on or near the street or highway at issue. There are also other requirements that must be met before a petition may be submitted. These are detailed in the LSC Bill Analysis.

For any new petitions that may be submitted as a result of the bill, ODOT must take into account and give due consideration to the petition in determining whether to reduce the speed limit or install a stop sign on the affected street or highway, and notify the petitioning entity in writing of the Department's decision. ODOT already performs this operation for requests made by local authorities to the Department; thus, most of these duties would likely be absorbed in existing administrative procedure, with minimal new operating costs paid from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002). A similar process, and a resulting minimal increase in administrative costs, would likely occur for the local authorities with jurisdiction over streets or highways in which a petition is submitted to erect a stop sign at an intersection.