



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 155 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** October 5, 2015
Status: As Introduced **Sponsor:** Sen. Gardner

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates memorial interchanges and a memorial pedestrian bridge 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 four locations are within Erie County. ODOT would be reimbursed for some of these costs by the city of Huron.

Local Fiscal Highlights

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

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates three interchanges and a pedestrian bridge in Erie County where memorial markers are to be installed. 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 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, (3) the FN James C. Baumer, USN Memorial Interchange in Huron Township at the intersection of State Route 2 and State Route 13, and (4) the Sgt. Terrance R. Mesenburg, USA Memorial Interchange in Huron Township at the intersection of State Route 2 and Berlin Road.

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. Specifically, 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. Huron would also incur the cost 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.