



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Bill:** H.B. 348 of the 131st G.A.

**Date:** January 27, 2016

**Status:** As Reported by House Transportation and Infrastructure

**Sponsor:** Rep. Buchy

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

**Contents:** Designates the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, SP4 Robert L. Fowble, Jr. and PFC Jack E. Beam Memorial Highway

### State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would incur costs of approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign to provide appropriate markers along the memorial highway designated under the bill. ODOT could be reimbursed by the city of Greenville and the city of Union City for some of these costs.

### Local Fiscal Highlights

- The city of Greenville and the city of Union City could each incur costs of between \$350 and \$400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing some of the memorial highway signs. The municipal corporations could also bear some of the costs for installation.

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## Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 571 in Darke County, running between the boundaries of the city of Greenville and the city of Union City, as the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, SP4 Robert L. Fowble, Jr. and PFC Jack E. Beam Memorial Highway. When a highway 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.

If a memorial roadway designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code falls on a U.S. or state route within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, ODOT policy outlined in the Traffic Engineering Manual allows for the agency to furnish signs to the locality for a fee that covers the cost of production. Accordingly, the city of Greenville and the city of Union City could each incur costs of installing the signs. The costs of each sign can be approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, according to ODOT, 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.