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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation would incur costs of approximately \$850 per set of signs to produce and install signs for most of the ten designated memorial highways in the bill. In some cases, however, municipalities would incur costs for installing the signs.

Detailed Analysis

The bill designates ten new memorial highways on portions of various interstate highways, U.S. routes, and state routes throughout Ohio. Overall, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) would incur costs of approximately \$850 per set of signs to produce and install signs for most of the designated memorial highways in the bill. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

The cost of signage to mark the portion of a highway designated as a memorial is paid either entirely by ODOT or shared between ODOT and the municipal corporation through which the roadway passes. ODOT pays for all of the signage production costs. However, the installation costs may be borne by municipalities, depending on where the designated portion of highway begins and ends. ODOT pays installation costs for signs to be located outside of municipal boundaries, as well as the signs on all interstate routes. If a memorial highway begins or ends inside of a municipal corporation, then the city or village is responsible for installing the signage within their jurisdiction. In cases where only a portion of a designated memorial highway resides in a municipal corporation, ODOT and the city or village may share the installation costs. The table below summarizes these memorial designations in the order that they appear in the bill, including the location of the highway and the entity responsible for paying signage installation costs.

Memorial Highway Designations in S.B. 323			
Designation	Roadway	County	Entity or Entities Responsible for Installation Cost
Sheriff Gene Fischer Memorial Highway	U.S. Route 35	Greene	City of Xenia
Sheriff Fredrick J. Abdalla Memorial Highway	State Route 7	Jefferson	Village of Yorkville
Natural Resources Officer Jason Lagore Memorial Highway	State Route 73	Warren	ODOT
Sheriff Sergeant William "Bill" Morris Memorial Highway	State Route 55	Miami	ODOT
State Representative Andy Thompson Memorial Highway	State Route 821	Washington	Village of Devola
Cpl. Fred B. McGee Memorial Highway; Korean War Hero; Silver Star Recipient	State Route 151	Jefferson	ODOT
U.S. Navy Corpsman Maxton Soviak Memorial Highway	State Route 113	Erie	ODOT
SPC Christian M. Neff Memorial Highway	Interstate Route 75	Allen and Auglaize	ODOT
Officer Wayne A. Leon Memorial Highway	Lorain Avenue	Cuyahoga	City of Cleveland
Jesse Owens Memorial Highway	State Route 315	Franklin	City of Columbus