



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 97 of the 131st G.A.

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Rogers

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Requires signs on highways that indicate an area that is part of the National Park System to bear the arrowhead symbol of the National Park Service

State Fiscal Highlights

- The bill could result in a minimal increase in costs out of the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to add the National Park Service's arrowhead symbol to existing National Park System highway signs across the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- Likewise, the bill could result in a minimal increase in costs to municipalities that currently have signage to add the National Park Service's arrowhead symbol to existing National Park System highway signs.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires all signs on the state highway system that indicate an area is part of the National Park System to bear the arrowhead symbol of the National Park Service next to the name of the area. While the sole national park in Ohio is the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in northeast Ohio, the National Park Service manages several other sites across the state that are a part of the National Park System. As a result of the bill, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), which installs and manages highway signage outside of the boundaries of municipalities, would need to add the arrowhead symbol to any signs that are currently erected and do not bear the symbol. Any minimal increase in operating costs to ODOT as a result of this requirement would be paid out of the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002). Likewise, for any signs within municipal boundaries that indicate the presence of sites within the National Park System, those municipalities would pay the small cost of adding the symbol. Generally, highway signs usually need replacement every 12 years, according to ODOT. As such, when any new signage is to be installed that will indicate the presence of sites within the National Park System, the signs will have the arrowhead symbol.

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