



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 256 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** January 29, 2016
Status: As Passed by the House **Sponsor:** Rep. Maag

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the SFC Bobby Lee Estle Memorial Highway

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 memorial highway designated under the bill. ODOT would be reimbursed by the Village of South Lebanon for these costs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The Village of South Lebanon will incur costs of between \$350 to \$400 per sign to reimburse ODOT for producing signs. South Lebanon would also bear the cost of installation.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a stretch of State Route 48 in the Village of South Lebanon in Warren County, running between Interstate Route 71 and State Route 38, as the SFC Bobby Lee Estle Memorial Highway. When a highway is designated in a person's honor 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 highway instead. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location.

The highway named in the bill extends in a northerly direction between endpoints in the Village of South Lebanon. When memorial highways designated by the General Assembly under Chapter 5533. of the Revised Code fall on U.S. or state routes within the boundaries of a municipal corporation, guidelines in the Traffic Engineering Manual allow for ODOT to furnish signs and charge a fee that covers production costs. South Lebanon would incur the costs of installing the signs, which according to ODOT can be approximately \$350 to \$400 per sign, including materials and labor. Once a set of signs is installed, there typically are no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.