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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 516 of the 132nd G.A. **Status:** As Reported by House Transportation and Public Safety

Sponsor: Rep. Cera Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Subject: Designates the Sgt. Herman Zerger Highway

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur about \$350 to \$400 in costs for producing signs for this memorial highway and both ODOT and the village of Woodsfield will incur minimal costs for installing them. Specifically, the bill designates the portion of State Route 78 in Monroe County between the intersection with State Route 26 and the border of Monroe and Noble counties as the Sgt. Herman Zerger Highway.

If a memorial marker is to be located inside of a municipality, ODOT produces the signs and may request reimbursement from the municipality for the cost. ODOT, however, does not currently seek this reimbursement. The signs are installed by municipal workers, though, resulting in minimal costs for the municipality where the memorial marker is to be located. Two markers are usually installed, one in each direction at each location. Since one end of the highway to be designated lies in the village of Woodsfield and the other end is in an unincorporated area of the county, both ODOT and the village will incur minimal costs to install the signs. Once a set of signs is installed, there are typically no maintenance costs unless the signs are damaged. Signs usually need to be replaced every 12 to 15 years.

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