

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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BILL: **S.B. 327**

DATE: **May 14, 2008**

STATUS: **As Reported by Senate Highways & Transportation**

SPONSOR: **Sen. Coughlin**

LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED: **No — Permissive**

CONTENTS: **Designates two portions of State Route 59 as memorial highways**

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2009	FY 2010	FUTURE YEARS
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002)			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Minimal increase for markers	Potential minimal increase to maintain markers	Potential minimal increase to maintain markers

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2009 is July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may experience minimal costs to install suitable markers along the designated portions of State Route 59. There may be future maintenance costs for routine upkeep or for repairs if the markers are damaged.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT	FY 2008	FY 2009	FUTURE YEARS
Municipalities – Cuyahoga Falls			
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Expenditures	Potential minimal increase for markers	Potential minimal increase to maintain markers	Potential minimal increase to maintain markers

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- If ODOT chooses not to erect markers, the municipality of Cuyahoga Falls may incur minimal costs if it chooses to install markers on the designated portions of State Route 59 within municipal boundaries. If Cuyahoga Falls were to install the markers, it might also incur minimal upkeep and repair costs.



Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a portion of State Route 59 within Cuyahoga Falls in Summit County as the "Sergeant Bryan W. Large Memorial Highway" and designates another portion of State Route 59 within Cuyahoga Falls as the "Sergeant Justin T. Walsh Memorial Highway."

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) may incur minimal costs to install suitable plaques or signs along the designated portions of State Route 59. When a highway or bridge is designated as a memorial, the Department's policy is to first install a memorial plaque in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, or other appropriate location.¹ If this is not practical, a marker is installed along the highway or near the bridge instead. Two plaques or two markers are usually installed, one in either direction at each location. Current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of memorial plaques or markers at one location are estimated to be a few hundred dollars, depending on the size of the marker(s), equipment and materials needed to install them, and the frequency of maintenance.

More often than not, ODOT erects markers for memorial highways named through legislation. However, if ODOT chooses not to, the municipality of Cuyahoga Falls in Summit County may install such markers along the designated portions of State Route 59 within municipal boundaries and would incur the expense for doing so.

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¹ Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways, 2005.