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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill:	H.B. 151 of the 128th G.A.	Date:	June 1, 2009
Status:	As Introduced	Sponsor:	Reps. Pryor and Pillich

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — No local cost

Contents: Requires the Department of Transportation to install signs on state highways indicating the location of United States Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and clinics

State Fiscal Highlights

STATE FUND	FY 2010	FY 2011 – FUTURE YEARS		
Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) – Department of Transportation				
Revenues	- 0 -	- 0 -		
Expenditures	Increase in the tens of thousands of dollars or more to install signs	Potential increase to maintain signs		

Note: The state fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. For example, FY 2010 is July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010.

• Equipment, labor, and materials costs to install directional and informational signs on state highways to the 36 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and clinics in Ohio may be in the tens of thousands of dollars or more, depending on the number of signs erected for each of the facilities. There would also be some new costs over the years for maintaining and repairing these signs.

Local Fiscal Highlights

• No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill requires the Department of Transportation to erect signs on state highways that display distance and directional information to indicate the location of U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers, outpatient clinics, and community-based outpatient clinics. All such signs are to conform to standards in the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs web site, there are five VA medical centers, three outpatient clinics, and 28 community-based outpatient clinics across Ohio, for a total of 36 facilities that would require signage.¹ Equipment, labor, and materials costs for each sign are likely to be \$400 more or less. Assuming two signs were erected per facility, the total cost would be about \$28,800 in FY 2010 (\$400 per sign x 2 signs per facility x 36 facilities = \$28,800). The Department of Transportation may also incur costs over the years for maintaining and repairing these signs.

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¹ http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/state.asp?State=OH&dnum=ALL