



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: S.B. 259 of the 129th G.A. **Date:** December 14, 2011
Status: As Reported by Senate Highways & Transportation **Sponsor:** Sens. Obhof and LaRose

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Designates the First Lieutenant John M. Runkle, Jr. Memorial Highway

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur costs of about \$600 to manufacture and install suitable markers along the designated portion of Interstate 71 in Wayne County.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill designates a portion of northbound Interstate 71 in Wayne County as the First Lieutenant John M. Runkle, Jr. Memorial Highway. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will incur minimal costs to install suitable signs along the designated portion of the highway, which runs through unincorporated Congress Township.

Current costs to manufacture, install, and maintain a single set of flatsheet signs at one location are estimated to be about \$600, depending on the size of the signs, equipment and materials needed to install them, and any required maintenance. Once a set of signs is installed, typically there are no maintenance costs unless the signs are knocked down or damaged. Signs are usually in need of replacement every 12 to 15 years.

When a highway is designated as a memorial, the Department's policy is to first install a memorial marker in a rest area, scenic overlook, recreational area, 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.

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