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Primary Sponsors: Reps. Ferguson and McClain

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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## Highlights

- The bill clarifies that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is required to maintain and repair, as well as apply marking lines to any section of state highway, within village limits. In some cases, this would shift the costs for doing such work from villages to ODOT.
- ODOT estimates that there are approximately 589 villages with state highways encompassing 2,470 lane miles that would be affected by the bill.
- Highway maintenance, repair, and other related costs incurred by ODOT are paid from Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) ALI 772421, Highway Construction – State, and certain other line items supported by the state motor fuel tax (MFT), federal highway aid, and state highway bonds.

## **Detailed Analysis**

The bill clarifies that the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is required, in consultation with a village, to (1) maintain and repair sections of a state highway within the village limits and (2) apply standard pavement markings on sections of state highway within village limits. The clarifications in the bill would appear to shift some responsibilities currently handled by villages to ODOT. These responsibilities would mostly involve maintenance activities such as snow removal, mowing, and minor repairs. Ultimately, the road repair and maintenance costs shifted from villages to ODOT under the bill will depend on the number of state route roadway miles currently maintained by villages. ODOT estimates that there are 589 villages with state routes within their limits, encompassing a total of 2,470 lane miles that would fall under the provisions of the bill.

Highway maintenance and construction costs incurred by ODOT are paid from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) through ALI 772421, Highway Construction – State, and other line items under the ODOT budget related to the Department's Construction and Maintenance Program that are supported by the state motor fuel tax (MFT), federal highway aid, and state highway bonds.