



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-120: MISSING PERSON TRAINING & HIGHER ED REPORTING

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires a training on missing persons alerts to receive POST certification and allows institutions of higher education to conduct a preliminary wellness assessment for missing students.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts**

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill requires peace officers seeking or renewing their Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certification to undergo a missing person alerts training created by the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS). In addition, the bill requires institutions of higher education to immediately notify law enforcement or conduct a preliminary wellness assessment to locate a missing student when notified that the student is missing. If the institution cannot locate the student within six hours of receiving the missing person report, or if there is credible evidence of risk to the student's safety, the institution must notify the institution's police department, or the nearest appropriate law enforcement agency if the institution does not have its own police. The bill also clarifies that an institution is not liable if the institution acts in good faith, outlines what constitutes good faith, and stipulates what must be included and documented in a wellness assessment.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload to various state agencies and institutions of higher education, as described below.

Agencies Involved in POST Training

Workload to the CDPS and the Department of Law will increase to coordinate the training on missing persons alerts. The CDPS already has training materials due to requirements from previous bills, and will only need to coordinate with the Department of Law to ensure materials are distributed to other law enforcement agencies.

Institutions of Higher Education

Workload to institutions of higher education will increase to the extent the institution chooses to conduct a preliminary wellness assessment, and to the extent institutions need to update policies. The fiscal note assumes any increase in workload will be minimal.

State Law Enforcement Agencies

Workload to peace officers seeking or renewing certification will increase to attend an additional training for their POST certification. Because this training is only required when seeking POST certification, any increase in work is assumed to be minimal.

Local Government

Similar to the state, workload to local peace officers will increase to attend an additional training for their POST certification. Because this training is only required when seeking POST certification, any increase in work is assumed to be minimal.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Higher Education