



Fiscal Note

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HB 26-1312: POST BOARD CHANGES

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill makes several changes to the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) board and codifies the requirement that an officer must be 21 years old to receive POST certification.

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 makes several changes to the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) board.

First, the bill requires the Attorney General to submit to the POST Board a proposal to update POST training academy programs and to improve peace officer performance of future academy graduates. If the POST Board does not accept the proposal, the Attorney General must submit a new proposal in one year.

The bill also changes the size and composition of the POST Board. The bill increases the board membership from 24 to 28 and adds representatives from:

- a university police department;
- a community college training academy;
- a peace officer training academy; and
- an organization representing reserve peace officers.

Finally, the bill requires that an officer be 21 years of age to receive POST certification and provides that a training academy instructor is eligible to receive training or grants by any state or local entity.

Background

There are currently [35 POST training academies](#) certified within the state of Colorado. Academies are run by local law enforcement, community colleges, the Colorado State Patrol, and Colorado Mountain College. In addition, the [POST Board website](#) states that individual law enforcement agencies usually set the minimum hiring age at 21 years old.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the Department of Law and entities that run POST training academies, as described below.

Department of Law

The bill increases workload in the Department of Law to make recommendations to the POST Board about training program updates. The department currently provides annual analysis on POST training programs; therefore, any workload to submit recommendations on changes are assumed to be minimal. In addition, cash fund expenditures may increase to reimburse expenses for additional board members. The increase in reimbursement expenses is expected to be minimal, with no change in appropriations required.

POST Training Academies

The bill potentially increases workload and costs to update curriculum, lesson plans, and training materials in state-run POST training academies, including at community colleges, Colorado Mountain College, and the Colorado State Patrol. Exact costs will depend on the recommendations made by the Attorney General and accepted by the POST Board.

Local Government

Similar to the state, workload and costs to local governments that run training academies may increase to incorporate recommended changes to the training program. The exact increase depends on the recommendations made by the Attorney General and accepted by the POST Board.

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

Counties

Municipalities

Law

State Law Enforcement

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).