

## SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENT

Second Reading

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1 Amend printed bill, page 2, after line 1, insert:

2       **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general  
3 assembly holds in high regard the role of the Peace Officer Standards and  
4 Training Board in ensuring that law enforcement serves Coloradans in a  
5 manner that promotes the safety of every Coloradan through the  
6 establishment of clear standards for peace officers.

7       (2) The general assembly relies on the P.O.S.T. board to review  
8 applications for peace officer status and to make recommendations for  
9 statutory recognition of peace officer status for individuals and groups in  
10 Colorado. The P.O.S.T. board's expertise in this process is invaluable.  
11 The general assembly takes this extraordinary step of expanding the peace  
12 officer status for the administrator of judicial security in advance of the  
13 sunrise process established in statute due to the extraordinary  
14 circumstances facing the judiciary today.

15       (3) The general assembly finds that alarming events have occurred  
16 in recent months that have threatened the security of courthouses in  
17 Colorado and placed at risk the safety of litigants, lawyers, staff, judges,  
18 and the public as a whole. These events have hindered access to justice  
19 for Coloradans.

20       (4) The general assembly finds that the Colorado judicial  
21 department has demonstrated an immediate need for more peace officers  
22 who are qualified to help coordinate with federal, state, and local law  
23 enforcement agencies to ensure the safety of the public, staff, and judges  
24 at courthouses throughout Colorado. The general assembly encourages  
25 the P.O.S.T. board to review as quickly as possible an application from  
26 the judicial department and to work cooperatively with the judicial  
27 department on its efforts to expand the number of personnel who serve as  
28 peace officers under the position of administrator of judicial security.

29       (5) The general assembly finds that in 2017 the P.O.S.T. board  
30 approved the position of administrator of judicial security, and in 2018  
31 the general assembly codified the position in statute. The general  
32 assembly finds that the office of the state court administrator needs  
33 multiple peace officers to address the growing and immediate security  
34 threats facing the state in order to ensure that courthouses throughout  
35 Colorado are safe places for Coloradans to find resolution to their legal  
36 disputes. The general assembly further finds that ensuring the safety and  
37 security of courthouses provides a clear and obvious public benefit,  
38 ensuring access to justice for all Coloradans."

39 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

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