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HOUSE BILL 26-1312

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING MEASURES RELATED TO PEACE OFFICER PARTICIPATION  
102 IN MATTERS RELATED TO PEACE OFFICER PERFORMANCE, AND,  
103 IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY  
104 GENERAL TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO UPDATE LAW  
105 ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAMS, CHANGING THE  
106 COMPOSITION OF THE P.O.S.T. BOARD, REQUIRING A PERSON BE  
107 TWENTY-ONE YEARS OLD TO PASS P.O.S.T. BOARD  
108 EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION, AND AUTHORIZING A PEACE  
109 OFFICER ACADEMY STAFF PERSON TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE  
110 TRAINING OR GRANTS FOR TRAINING OFFERED BY ANY STATE OR  
111 LOCAL ENTITY.

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Bill Summary

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.*  
*Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill requires the attorney general to submit to the peace officers standards and training board (P.O.S.T. board) a proposal by December 31, 2030, to update current basic, reserve, and refresher law enforcement training academy programs and improve the peace officer performance of future academy graduates.

The bill changes the makeup of the P.O.S.T. board by reducing the number of law enforcement head officials, reducing the number of non-law-enforcement persons, increasing the number of line officers, and adding representatives from law enforcement training academies and reserve officers.

The bill requires that a person be at least 21 years old in order to be a certified peace officer.

The bill makes a peace officer academy full-time instructor eligible to receive training or grants for training offered by any state or local entity.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **amend**  
3 (1)(v) and (1)(w); and **add** (1)(x) as follows:

4 **24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general - notice to**  
5 **revisor of statutes - repeal.**

6 (1) The attorney general:

7 (v) May expend money, manage staff, and perform other  
8 administrative functions essential for the operation of a district attorney's  
9 office when appointed by executive order of the governor; ~~and~~

10 (w) May conduct jail assessments in collaboration with the jail  
11 standards advisory committee, created pursuant to section 30-10-530,  
12 pursuant to section 24-31-118; AND

13 (x) (I) SHALL SUBMIT TO THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND

1 TRAINING BOARD A PROPOSAL BY DECEMBER 31, 2030, TO UPDATE  
2 CURRENT BASIC, RESERVE, AND REFRESHER LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING  
3 ACADEMY PROGRAMS AND IMPROVE THE PEACE OFFICER PERFORMANCE OF  
4 FUTURE ACADEMY GRADUATES. IF THE P.O.S.T. BOARD DOES NOT ACCEPT  
5 THE PROPOSAL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL SUBMIT A NEW PROPOSAL  
6 WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THE P.O.S.T. BOARD DID NOT ACCEPT  
7 THE PROPOSAL.

8 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x) IS REPEALED IF:

9 (A) THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD  
10 APPROVES A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING  
11 ACADEMY PROGRAMS;

12 (B) THE CHAIR OF THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
13 BOARD SUBMITS A LETTER TO THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE  
14 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE, OR ANY SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES,  
15 OUTLINING THE CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMS; AND

16 (C) THE CHAIR OF THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
17 BOARD NOTIFIES THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE  
18 WHEN THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x)(II) HAVE  
19 OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE NOTICE TO  
20 REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV.

21 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON THE  
22 DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(x)(II) OF  
23 THIS SECTION OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY A DATE, UPON THE  
24 DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-302, **amend**  
26 (3)(a) as follows:

27 **24-31-302. Creation of board - members.**

1           (3) (a) The P.O.S.T. board consists of ~~twenty-four~~ TWENTY-EIGHT  
2 members. The chair of the P.O.S.T. board is the attorney general, and the  
3 board shall annually elect from its members a vice-chair. THE CHAIR MAY  
4 ALLOW ADDITIONAL NONVOTING PERSONS WITH PARTICULAR EXPERTISE  
5 TO PARTICIPATE IN P.O.S.T. BOARD MEETINGS. The other members ~~shall~~  
6 ~~be~~ ARE:

7           (I) ~~The special agent in charge of the Denver division of the~~  
8 ~~federal bureau of investigation;~~

9           (II) The executive director of the department of public safety or  
10 the executive director's designee;

11           (III) The following members appointed by the governor for terms  
12 of three years:

13           (A) One local government representative;

14           (B) ~~Six~~ FIVE active chiefs of police from municipalities of this  
15 state or state institutions of higher education OF WHICH ONE MUST BE  
16 FROM AN URBAN MUNICIPALITY, ONE MUST BE FROM A SUBURBAN  
17 MUNICIPALITY, ONE MUST BE FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER  
18 EDUCATION, AND ONE MUST BE FROM A RURAL MUNICIPALITY;

19           (C) ~~Six~~ FIVE active sheriffs from counties of this state OF WHICH  
20 ONE MUST BE FROM AN URBAN COUNTY, ONE MUST BE FROM A SUBURBAN  
21 COUNTY, AND ONE MUST BE FROM A RURAL COUNTY;

22           (D) ~~Three~~ SIX active peace officers with a rank of sergeant or  
23 below; ~~and~~

24           (E) THREE ACTIVE P.O.S.T.-CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS WITH A  
25 NONEXECUTIVE RANK FROM STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;

26           (F) ~~Five~~ THREE non-law-enforcement members. The  
27 non-law-enforcement members shall complete a citizens' law enforcement

1 academy PROGRAM prior to appointment or within one year after  
2 appointment.

3 (G) ONE TRAINING ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPRESENTING A  
4 COMMUNITY-COLLEGE-OPERATED PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY;

5 (H) ONE TRAINING ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPRESENTING A  
6 LAW-ENFORCEMENT-OPERATED PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY; AND

7 (I) AN EXECUTIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING  
8 RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS.

9 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-305, **amend**  
10 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(III), and (1)(a)(IV); and **add** (1)(a)(V)  
11 as follows:

12 **24-31-305. Certification - issuance - renewal - revocation -**  
13 **rules - definition.**

14 (1) (a) Basic peace officer certification requirements ~~shall~~ MUST  
15 include:

16 (III) Passage of examinations administered by the P.O.S.T. board;  
17 **and**

18 (IV) Current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
19 certificates or their equivalents; AND

20 (V) THAT THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE  
21 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

22 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-322 as  
23 follows:

24 **24-31-322. Authority to receive training or grants.**

25 A PEACE OFFICER ACADEMY FULL-TIME INSTRUCTOR IS ELIGIBLE TO  
26 RECEIVE TRAINING OR GRANTS FOR TRAINING OFFERED BY ANY STATE OR  
27 LOCAL ENTITY.

1           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
4 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.