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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; AND

12 (B) THE CHAIR OF THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
13 BOARD NOTIFIES THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE  
14 WHEN THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x)(II) HAVE  
15 OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE NOTICE TO  
16 REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV.

17 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON THE  
18 DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(x)(II) OF  
19 THIS SECTION OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY A DATE, UPON THE  
20 DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

21 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-302, **amend**  
22 (3)(a); and **add** (3)(e) as follows:

23 **24-31-302. Creation of board - members.**

24 (3) (a) The P.O.S.T. board consists of ~~twenty-four~~ TWENTY-EIGHT  
25 members. The chair of the P.O.S.T. board is the attorney general OR THE  
26 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE, and the board shall annually elect from  
27 its members a vice-chair. THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR MAY SOLICIT

1 ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE AND PARTICIPATION FROM NONVOTING PERSONS  
2 AS MAY FURTHER THE DUTIES OF THE P.O.S.T. BOARD. The other members  
3 shall be ARE:

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

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

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

10 (A) One local government representative;

11 (B) ~~Six~~ FIVE active chiefs of police from municipalities of this  
12 state or state institutions of higher education OF WHICH ONE MUST BE  
13 FROM AN URBAN MUNICIPALITY, ONE MUST BE FROM A SUBURBAN  
14 MUNICIPALITY, ONE MUST BE FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY POLICE  
15 DEPARTMENT, AND ONE MUST BE FROM A RURAL MUNICIPALITY, AFTER  
16 THE GOVERNOR CONSULTS WITH A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION  
17 REPRESENTING CHIEFS OF POLICE;

18 (C) ~~Six~~ FIVE active sheriffs from counties of this state OF WHICH  
19 ONE MUST BE FROM AN URBAN COUNTY, ONE MUST BE FROM A SUBURBAN  
20 COUNTY, AND ONE MUST BE FROM A RURAL COUNTY, AFTER THE  
21 GOVERNOR CONSULTS WITH A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING  
22 SHERIFFS;

23 (D) ~~Three~~ SIX active peace officers with a rank of sergeant or  
24 below, ~~and~~ AFTER THE GOVERNOR CONSULTS WITH A STATEWIDE  
25 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING LINE-LEVEL PEACE OFFICERS;

26 (E) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION  
27 REPRESENTING PEACE OFFICERS WITH A RANK OF SERGEANT OR BELOW;

1 (F) TWO ACTIVE P.O.S.T.-CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS WITH A  
2 NONEXECUTIVE RANK FROM STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;

3 ~~(E)~~ (G) Five THREE non-law-enforcement members. The  
4 non-law-enforcement members shall complete a citizens' law enforcement  
5 academy prior to appointment or within one year after appointment.

6 (H) ONE TRAINING ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPRESENTING A  
7 COMMUNITY-COLLEGE-OPERATED PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY;

8 (I) ONE TRAINING ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPRESENTING A  
9 LAW-ENFORCEMENT-OPERATED PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY; AND

10 (J) ONE EXECUTIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING  
11 RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS.

12 (e) A PERSON WHO HAS HAD THEIR P.O.S.T. CERTIFICATION  
13 REVOKED OR SUSPENDED SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE  
14 P.O.S.T. BOARD.

15 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-303, **add** (7)  
16 as follows:

17 **24-31-303. Duties - powers of the P.O.S.T. board - instructors**  
18 **- definition.**

19 (7) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF  
20 THIS SECTION, THE P.O.S.T. BOARD SHALL NOT APPROVE AS A SKILLS  
21 INSTRUCTOR A PERSON WHOSE PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN  
22 REVOKED BY THE P.O.S.T. BOARD AND SHALL NOT APPROVE A TRAINING  
23 ACADEMY IF AN INSTRUCTOR OF THE TRAINING ACADEMY IS A PERSON  
24 WHOSE PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE  
25 P.O.S.T. BOARD.

26 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-305, **amend**  
27 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(III), and (1)(a)(IV); and **add** (1)(a)(V)

1 as follows:

2 **24-31-305. Certification - issuance - renewal - revocation -**  
3 **rules - definition.**

4 (1) (a) Basic peace officer certification requirements ~~shall~~ MUST  
5 include:

6 (III) Passage of examinations administered by the P.O.S.T. board;  
7 ~~and~~

8 (IV) Current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
9 certificates or their equivalents; AND

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

12 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-322 as  
13 follows:

14 **24-31-322. Authority to receive training or grants.**

15 A TRAINING ACADEMY FULL-TIME INSTRUCTOR IS ELIGIBLE TO  
16 ATTEND P.O.S.T. CERTIFICATION CLASSES THAT ARE FUNDED OR HOSTED  
17 USING GRANT FUNDING, BUT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL  
18 GRANT FUNDING FROM THE P.O.S.T. BOARD.

19 **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
22 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
23 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
24 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
25 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
26 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.