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**SB17-066**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0750 **Date:** January 25, 2017  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Cooke; Fields **Bill Status:** Senate Judiciary  
 Rep. Saine; Lebsock **Fiscal Analyst:** Chris Creighton (303-866-5834)

**BILL TOPIC:** MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY POLICE

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2016-2017</b> <i>(current year)</i>	<b>FY 2017-2018</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>			
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Minimal workload reduction.		
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None.			
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Ongoing minimal workload reduction.			

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill authorizes municipalities to employ a police force without having to go through the sunset review process.

**Background**

Peace officers are authorized to enforce all of the laws of the state and to carry firearms at all times. Under current law, in order to maintain clear standards and consistent statutory protections, the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (POST Board) reviews each group seeking peace officer status. As part of this process, the POST Board prepares an evaluation of the request, conducts a hearing, makes a recommendation, and submits a report to the group seeking peace officer status and the General Assembly. After this, the group seeking peace officer status may seek legislation granting peace officer status.

The POST Board consists of 24 members including, the Attorney General who is the chairperson, the special FBI agent in charge of the Denver division, the executive director of the Department of Public Safety, one local government representative, six active chiefs of police, six sheriffs, three active peace officers, and five non-law enforcement members.

**State Expenditures**

Beginning in the current FY 2016-17 this bill reduces workload in the Department of Law related to conducting municipal peace officer sunset reviews by eliminating the need for municipalities to go through the sunset review process. Additionally this elimination reduces the

workload for agencies that have members on the POST Board, including the Departments of Law and Public Safety. Most municipalities already have peace officer status or contract with the local sheriff department for police services. As a result, sunset reviews for municipal peace officer status are infrequent and this reduction in workload is minimal.

**Local Government Impact**

This bill reduces workload and costs for municipalities that no longer have to go through the sunset review process to create a police force. This includes staff time and costs to submit a proposal to the POST Board, attend the sunset review hearing, and to seek legislation granting them peace officer status. Workload is also reduced for local law enforcement officials that are on the POST Board.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

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