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HOUSE BILL 20-1229

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND  
102 TRAINING BOARD TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR  
103 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH LIMITED RESOURCES TO  
104 ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH THE PAYMENT OF TUITION COSTS  
105 FOR PEACE OFFICER CANDIDATES TO ATTEND AN APPROVED  
106 BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY.

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Bill Summary

*(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 authorizes the peace officers standards and training

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

(P.O.S.T.) board to establish a scholarship program for law enforcement agencies in rural and smaller jurisdictions with limited resources due to their size or location to assist the agencies with the payment of tuition costs for peace officer candidates to attend an approved basic law enforcement training academy.

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-310, **amend**  
3 (2) and (3); and **add** (4) as follows:

4 **24-31-310. Resources for the training of peace officers - peace**  
5 **officers in rural jurisdictions - legislative declaration.** (2) The ~~moneys~~  
6 MONEY collected and transferred to the P.O.S.T. board cash fund pursuant  
7 to section 42-3-304 (24) ~~C.R.S., shall~~ MUST be used to provide training  
8 programs for peace officers, especially peace officers in rural and smaller  
9 jurisdictions that have limited resources due to the size or location of such  
10 jurisdictions. The ~~moneys shall~~ MONEY MUST be used and distributed  
11 pursuant to ~~subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (3) OR (4) of this section.

12 (3) The ~~moneys~~ MONEY collected and transferred to the P.O.S.T.  
13 board cash fund pursuant to section 42-3-304 (24) ~~C.R.S., shall~~ MUST be  
14 used and distributed as determined by the P.O.S.T. board. The ~~moneys~~  
15 MONEY in the fund ~~shall~~ MUST be used to pay the salary and benefits of  
16 any employee hired by the department of law in order to administer the  
17 peace officer training programs and to cover any other costs incurred by  
18 the P.O.S.T. board in connection with such programs. Under no  
19 circumstance shall general fund ~~moneys~~ MONEY be used to cover such  
20 costs incurred by the department of law or the P.O.S.T. board.

21 (4) (a) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABLE MONEY COLLECTED,  
22 TRANSFERRED TO, AND REMAINING IN THE P.O.S.T. BOARD CASH FUND,  
23 THE P.O.S.T. BOARD MAY ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LAW

1 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN RURAL AND SMALLER JURISDICTIONS WITH  
2 LIMITED RESOURCES DUE TO THEIR SIZE OR LOCATION TO ASSIST THE  
3 AGENCIES WITH THE PAYMENT OF TUITION COSTS FOR PEACE OFFICER  
4 CANDIDATES TO ATTEND AN APPROVED BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT  
5 TRAINING ACADEMY.

6 (b) THE P.O.S.T. BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS MAY BE  
7 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

8 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
9 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
10 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
11 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a  
12 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
13 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
14 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
15 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
16 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
17 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.