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FISCAL NOTE

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Bill Topic: POST SCHOLARSHIP RURAL AND SMALL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows the POST Board to provide scholarships for peace officer candidates to attend basic law enforcement training. The bill modifies state workload and increases local revenue on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board to establish a scholarship program for law enforcement agencies in rural and small jurisdictions to assist with the tuition costs for peace officer candidates to attend basic law enforcement training academy.

Background

The POST program in the Department of Law manages the certification and training of peace officers in Colorado. The POST Board Cash Fund is primarily funded through a \$1 fee on vehicle registrations and is used to provide training programs to peace officers, particularly those in rural and small jurisdictions, as well as to cover administrative costs. In FY 2018-19, the fund received \$5.2 million in revenue. Of this amount, about \$1.5 million was used to fund POST salaries, benefits, and operating costs, and about \$3.7 million was used for training grants.

State Expenditures

The bill modifies the workload of the Department of Law beginning in FY 2020-21. The department currently administers training grants to peace officers using approximately \$3.7 million from the POST Board Cash Fund. The bill provides the option of using those funds for scholarships to cover tuition costs of peace officer candidates. As a result, the workload may shift for existing POST Board staff to modify current programs, conduct rulemaking, and implement a scholarship program.

Because the total amount of expenditures and staffing levels are not expected to change, no change in appropriations is required.

Local Government

The bill increases revenue for small or rural local law enforcement agencies that receive scholarships for peace officer candidates.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

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