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SENATE BILL 22-005

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Bridges,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees
Judiciary

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE INCREASE OF AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR LAW
102 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY PEACE OFFICER SERVICES.

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 requires the department of law (department) to implement a pilot grant program (grant program) to support a law enforcement agency to retain and recruit qualified and trained P.O.S.T.-certified peace officers. The department may award grants to help fund retention programs, recruitment purposes, and to provide financial resources for law enforcement academy training, academy trainees, and continuing

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.

1 EMPLOYS P.O.S.T.-CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS AND NON-CERTIFIED
2 DETENTION DEPUTIES.

3 **24-31-1203. Peace officer behavioral health, recruitment, and**
4 **retention pilot grant program - created - rules.** (1) THERE IS CREATED
5 IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW, THE PEACE OFFICER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH,
6 RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION PILOT GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE
7 OF SUPPORTING A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO RETAIN AND RECRUIT
8 QUALIFIED AND TRAINED P.O.S.T.-CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS.

9 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE GRANT PROGRAM
10 THROUGH THE ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW, AND RECOMMENDATION OF
11 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN A FORMAT DETERMINED BY THE
12 DEPARTMENT. SUCH ALLOWABLE GRANTS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT
13 LIMITED TO, FUNDING FOR RETENTION PROGRAMMING, RECRUITMENT OF
14 PERSONS WITH DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL
15 HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES, PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS, HUMAN
16 RESOURCES STRATEGIES, AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY TRAINING, ACADEMY TRAINEES, AND
18 CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES.

19 (3) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, GRANTS MUST BE
20 ANNUALLY PAID OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND.

21 (4) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
22 SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO
23 THE P.O.S.T. BOARD CASH FUND TO BE SPENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS
24 PART 12. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOT EXPEND MORE THAN TWO PERCENT
25 OF THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS PART 12 FOR
26 ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES.

27 (5) PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL

1 PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND
2 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRANT PROGRAM AS PROVIDED IN THIS PART 12.
3 AT A MINIMUM, THE RULES MUST SPECIFY THE TIME FRAMES FOR APPLYING
4 FOR GRANTS, THE FORM OF THE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION, AND THE
5 TIME FRAMES FOR DISTRIBUTING GRANT MONEY.

6 **24-31-1204. P.O.S.T. board advisory review committee.** THE
7 P.O.S.T. BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR SHALL ESTABLISH A REVIEW
8 COMMITTEE TO ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AND REVIEW GRANT
9 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PART 12. THE
10 COMMITTEE SHALL BE COMPRISED OF MEMBERS OF THE P.O.S.T. BOARD
11 AND SHALL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES
12 THAT REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE STATE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
13 24-20-115.

14 **24-31-1205. Repeal of part.** THIS PART 12 IS REPEALED,
15 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **amend**
17 (1)(p) and (1)(q); and **add** (1)(r) as follows:

18 **24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general.** (1) The
19 attorney general:

20 (p) May bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of section
21 24-31-113; ~~and~~

22 (q) May bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of section
23 24-31-307 (2) or a criminal action to enforce the provisions of section
24 24-31-307 (3); AND

25 (r) SHALL ADMINISTER THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 12 OF THIS
26 ARTICLE 31.

27 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-3501, **amend**

1 (2)(e) and (2)(f); and **add** (2)(g) and (9) as follows:

2 **24-32-3501. Peace officers behavioral health support and**
3 **community partnerships grant program - created - report - rules -**

4 **fund - definitions - repeal.** (2) Grant recipients may use money received
5 through the grant program for the following purposes:

6 (e) Training and education programs that teach peace officers and
7 their immediate family members the symptoms of job-related mental
8 trauma and how to prevent and treat such trauma; ~~and~~

9 (f) Peer support programs for peace officers; AND

10 (g) HIRING, CONTRACTING, OR DEVELOPING A REMOTE NETWORK
11 TO PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELING, THERAPY, OR OTHER
12 RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES TO PEACE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN
13 JOB-RELATED TRAUMATIC SITUATIONS.

14 (9) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER MONEY APPROPRIATED OR
15 TRANSFERRED TO THE FUND, FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, THE
16 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FROM
17 THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FUND.

18 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
21 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
22 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
23 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
24 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
25 November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.