

HB 25-1071: DISTRIBUTION OF STATE MONEY

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Amendment L.001.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires that all money in the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund be distributed to counties according to a new distribution formula.

Types of impacts. The bill may affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

State Expenditure

Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0	0.0

Summary of Legislation

Beginning in FY 2025-26, the bill requires that all money in the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund be distributed to counties and federally recognized tribal governments according to a new distribution formula. The distribution formula directs that 50 percent of funding to be distributed equally among all counties and tribes and that 50 percent of funding be distributed among counties and tribes in proportion to their populations.

Background

The Peace Officer Training and Support Fund was created by Proposition 130, approved by the voters in November 2024. Under current law, money in the fund is to be distributed by the Department of Public Safety and used to increase pay for law enforcement officers, hire additional officers, provide training to officers, and establish a one-time death benefit of \$1 million for each officer killed while on duty. Proposition 130 directed the General Assembly to appropriate \$350 million to the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund, but there is no money in the fund currently.

State Expenditures

Because the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund does not currently hold any revenue, the bill's provision to distribute all money in the fund to counties is determined to have no immediate fiscal impact under current law. If money is appropriated to the fund in the future via other legislation, this bill will impact how that money is expended.

In addition, the bill will require all future payments for peace officer death benefits (estimated at \$4 million annually, on average) to come from the General Fund or another funding source, rather than from future allocations of money to the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund. This is the same as current law, as no implementing legislation has been enacted that appropriates money to the fund.

Local Government

The bill does not immediately impact local governments. However, the bill may increase distributions to counties and tribal governments if money is appropriated to the Peace Officer Training and Support Fund in the future via other legislation.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Agriculture

Colorado Housing and Finance Authority

Counties

Early Childhood

Education

Governor

Health Care Policy and Financing

Higher Education

Human Services

Information Technology

Labor

Local Affairs

Municipalities

Office of Economic Development

Public Health and Environment

Public Safety

Regulatory Agencies

Revenue

School Districts

Sheriffs

Transportation

Treasury