



Fiscal Note

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SB 26-190: RELEASE INFO ABOUT PEACE OFFICER USE OF FORCE

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Summary Information

Overview. The bill requires law enforcement agencies to share incident recordings within shorter timeframes; requires protocols for multi-agency investigations into fatal use-of-force incidents; and restricts peace officers involved in such cases from making public statements that could prejudice legal proceedings, while still allowing the disclosure of basic factual information.

Types of impacts. The bill is projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- Minimal State Workload
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2026-27	Out Year FY 2027-28
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

Incident Recordings

When a peace officer's use of force results in an individual's death and a misconduct claim is filed, the employing law enforcement agency must release all unedited video and audio recordings of the incident—including from body cameras, dash cameras, or any other investigative footage—upon request after a 21 day waiting period. Additionally, the employing law enforcement agency must make reasonable efforts to identify the decedent's family and provide all video and audio recordings to each identified member of the family, unless declined, within 21 days after the incident.

Once all components of an investigation are complete—including an internal affairs investigation and any appeals; the multi-agency team investigation and its required report; and any criminal case and any appeals—the agency must release all video and audio recordings of the death to the deceased's immediate family and anyone the family designates, upon request.

Multi-agency Investigations

The bill requires every police department, sheriff's office, and district attorney's office in Colorado to maintain protocols for participating in a multi-agency investigative team when a peace officer discharges a firearm causing injury or death, or uses force resulting in death. Each multi-agency team must include at least one additional law enforcement agency or the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, though the participating agencies do not need to be from the same judicial district. Agencies are required to post these protocols publicly on their website or make them available upon request.

Within 24 hours of any use-of-force incident that results in death, the employing law enforcement agency must notify any known immediate family members of the victim of the names of all agencies comprising the investigating multi-agency team and the current status of the investigation.

Extrajudicial Statements on Use of Force

Peace officers involved in the investigation of a criminal matter involving fatal use-of-force by another peace officer are prohibited from making public statements likely to prejudice related legal proceedings, though they may share information such as identifying information about the accused person, facts of the case, and request for assistance in obtaining evidence, among other provisions.

Background and Assumptions

[Senate Bill 20-217](#) required increased use of body-worn cameras and [House Bill 21-1250](#) clarified provisions related to the release of the footage and expanded multi-agency review protocols to all officer-involved civilian deaths. The Department of Public Safety was appropriated 13.0 FTE to assist multi-agency review teams under the bill, to assist areas of the state that do not have adequate resources to meet these investigation requirements.

Because the requirements of SB 26-190 largely clarify existing law requirements, and the CDPS is staffed as the centralized support agency for multi-agency review teams, the bill is not expected to increase costs for state or local law enforcement agencies. Further, the bill is not anticipated to generate additional training requirements or change the number of revocations processed by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board in the Department of Law.

State and Local Government

For state law and local law enforcement agencies, workload will minimally increase to ensure multi-agency review protocols are established and followed, to process additional recordings for a limited number of cases involving use of force resulting in death, and to follow specific information-sharing requirements regarding these cases. No change in appropriations is required.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Public Safety
Judicial	Sheriffs
Municipalities	State Law Enforcement
Police Chiefs	