

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

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Chair of Committee

April 1, 2026  
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Date

Committee on Judiciary.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1312 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3           **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-101, **amend**  
4 (1)(v) and (1)(w); and **add** (1)(x) as follows:

5           **24-31-101. Powers and duties of attorney general - notice to**  
6 **revisor of statutes - repeal.**

7           (1) The attorney general:

8           (v) May expend money, manage staff, and perform other  
9 administrative functions essential for the operation of a district attorney's  
10 office when appointed by executive order of the governor; **and**

11           (w) May conduct jail assessments in collaboration with the jail  
12 standards advisory committee, created pursuant to section 30-10-530,  
13 pursuant to section 24-31-118; AND

14           (x) (I) SHALL SUBMIT TO THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND  
15 TRAINING BOARD A PROPOSAL BY DECEMBER 31, 2030, TO UPDATE  
16 CURRENT BASIC, RESERVE, AND REFRESHER LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING  
17 ACADEMY PROGRAMS AND IMPROVE THE PEACE OFFICER PERFORMANCE OF  
18 FUTURE ACADEMY GRADUATES. IF THE P.O.S.T. BOARD DOES NOT ACCEPT  
19 THE PROPOSAL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL SUBMIT A NEW PROPOSAL  
20 WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THE P.O.S.T. BOARD DID NOT ACCEPT  
21 THE PROPOSAL.

22           (II) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x) IS REPEALED IF:

23           (A) THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD  
24 APPROVES A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING  
25 ACADEMY PROGRAMS; AND

26           (B) THE CHAIR OF THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND TRAINING  
27 BOARD NOTIFIES THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN WRITING OF THE DATE

1 WHEN THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x)(II) HAVE  
2 OCCURRED BY EMAILING THE NOTICE TO  
3 REVISOROFSTATUTES.GA@COLEG.GOV.

4 (III) THIS SUBSECTION (1)(x) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE UPON THE  
5 DATE IDENTIFIED IN THE NOTICE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(x)(II) OF  
6 THIS SECTION OR, IF THE NOTICE DOES NOT SPECIFY A DATE, UPON THE  
7 DATE OF THE NOTICE TO THE REVISOR OF STATUTES.

8 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-302, **amend**  
9 **(3)(a); and add (3)(e) as follows:**

10 **24-31-302. Creation of board - members.**

11 (3) (a) The P.O.S.T. board consists of ~~twenty-four~~ TWENTY-EIGHT  
12 members. The chair of the P.O.S.T. board is the attorney general OR THE  
13 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DESIGNEE, and the board shall annually elect from  
14 its members a vice-chair. THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR MAY SOLICIT  
15 ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE AND PARTICIPATION FROM NONVOTING PERSONS  
16 AS MAY FURTHER THE DUTIES OF THE P.O.S.T. BOARD. The other members  
17 ~~shall be~~ ARE:

18 (I) ~~The special agent in charge of the Denver division of the~~  
19 ~~federal bureau of investigation;~~

20 (II) The executive director of the department of public safety or  
21 the executive director's designee;

22 (III) The following members appointed by the governor for terms  
23 of three years:

24 (A) One local government representative;

25 (B) ~~Six~~ FIVE active chiefs of police from municipalities of this  
26 state or state institutions of higher education OF WHICH ONE MUST BE  
27 FROM AN URBAN MUNICIPALITY, ONE MUST BE FROM A SUBURBAN  
28 MUNICIPALITY, ONE MUST BE FROM A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY POLICE  
29 DEPARTMENT, AND ONE MUST BE FROM A RURAL MUNICIPALITY, AFTER  
30 THE GOVERNOR CONSULTS WITH A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION  
31 REPRESENTING CHIEFS OF POLICE;

32 (C) ~~Six~~ FIVE active sheriffs from counties of this state OF WHICH  
33 ONE MUST BE FROM AN URBAN COUNTY, ONE MUST BE FROM A SUBURBAN  
34 COUNTY, AND ONE MUST BE FROM A RURAL COUNTY, AFTER THE  
35 GOVERNOR CONSULTS WITH A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING  
36 SHERIFFS;

37 (D) ~~Three~~ SIX active peace officers with a rank of sergeant or  
38 below, ~~and~~ AFTER THE GOVERNOR CONSULTS WITH A STATEWIDE  
39 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING LINE-LEVEL PEACE OFFICERS;

40 (E) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION  
41 REPRESENTING PEACE OFFICERS WITH A RANK OF SERGEANT OR BELOW;

42 (F) TWO ACTIVE P.O.S.T.-CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICERS WITH A  
43 NONEXECUTIVE RANK FROM STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES;

1           ~~(E)~~ (G) Five THREE non-law-enforcement members. The  
2 non-law-enforcement members shall complete a citizens' law enforcement  
3 academy prior to appointment or within one year after appointment.

4           (H) ONE TRAINING ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPRESENTING A  
5 COMMUNITY-COLLEGE-OPERATED PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY;

6           (I) ONE TRAINING ACADEMY DIRECTOR REPRESENTING A  
7 LAW-ENFORCEMENT-OPERATED PEACE OFFICER TRAINING ACADEMY; AND

8           (J) ONE EXECUTIVE FROM AN ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING  
9 RESERVE PEACE OFFICERS.

10          (e) A PERSON WHO HAS HAD THEIR P.O.S.T. CERTIFICATION  
11 REVOKED OR SUSPENDED SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE  
12 P.O.S.T. BOARD.

13          **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-303, **add** (7)  
14 as follows:

15          **24-31-303. Duties - powers of the P.O.S.T. board - instructors**  
16 **- definition.**

17          (7) IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1) OF  
18 THIS SECTION, THE P.O.S.T. BOARD SHALL NOT APPROVE AS A SKILLS  
19 INSTRUCTOR A PERSON WHOSE PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN  
20 REVOKED BY THE P.O.S.T. BOARD AND SHALL NOT APPROVE A TRAINING  
21 ACADEMY IF AN INSTRUCTOR OF THE TRAINING ACADEMY IS A PERSON  
22 WHOSE PEACE OFFICER CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN REVOKED BY THE  
23 P.O.S.T. BOARD.

24          **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-305, **amend**  
25 (1)(a) introductory portion, (1)(a)(III), and (1)(a)(IV); and **add** (1)(a)(V)  
26 as follows:

27          **24-31-305. Certification - issuance - renewal - revocation -**  
28 **rules - definition.**

29          (1) (a) Basic peace officer certification requirements ~~shall~~ MUST  
30 include:

31          (III) Passage of examinations administered by the P.O.S.T. board;  
32 **and**

33          (IV) Current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
34 certificates or their equivalents; AND

35          (V) THAT THE CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE  
36 YEARS OLD OR OLDER.

37          **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-31-322 as  
38 follows:

39          **24-31-322. Authority to receive training or grants.**

40          A TRAINING ACADEMY FULL-TIME INSTRUCTOR IS ELIGIBLE TO  
41 ATTEND P.O.S.T. CERTIFICATION CLASSES THAT ARE FUNDED OR HOSTED  
42 USING GRANT FUNDING, BUT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL  
43 GRANT FUNDING FROM THE P.O.S.T. BOARD.

1           **SECTION 6. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
4 12, 2026, if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a  
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
9 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
10 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

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