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**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Cooke; Fields **Bill Status:** Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY POLICE

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017 <i>(current year)</i>	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue			
State Expenditures	Minimal workload reduction.		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: Ongoing minimal workload reduction.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill authorizes municipalities to employ a police force without having to go through the sunrise review process.

Background

Peace officers are authorized to enforce all of the laws of the state and to carry firearms at all times. Under current law, in order to maintain clear standards and consistent statutory protections, the Peace Officers Standards and Training Board (POST Board) reviews each group seeking peace officer status. As part of this process, the POST Board prepares an evaluation of the request, conducts a hearing, makes a recommendation, and submits a report to the group seeking peace officer status and the General Assembly. After this, the group seeking peace officer status may seek legislation granting peace officer status.

The POST Board consists of 24 members including, the Attorney General who is the chairperson, the special FBI agent in charge of the Denver division, the executive director of the Department of Public Safety, one local government representative, six active chiefs of police, six sheriffs, three active peace officers, and five non-law enforcement members.

State Expenditures

Beginning in the current year, FY 2016-17, this bill reduces workload in the Department of Law related to conducting municipal peace officer sunrise reviews by eliminating the need for municipalities to go through the sunrise review process. Additionally this elimination reduces the

workload for agencies that have members on the POST Board, including the Departments of Law and Public Safety. Most municipalities already have peace officer status or contract with the local sheriff department for police services. As a result, sunrise reviews for municipal peace officer status are infrequent and this reduction in workload is minimal.

Local Government Impact

This bill reduces workload and costs for municipalities that no longer have to go through the sunrise review process to create a police force. This includes staff time and costs to submit a proposal to the POST Board, attend the sunrise review hearing, and to seek legislation granting them peace officer status. Workload is also reduced for local law enforcement officials that are on the POST Board.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 4, 2017.

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