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HOUSE BILL 20-1229

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AUTHORIZING THE PEACE OFFICERS STANDARDS AND**
102 **TRAINING BOARD TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR**
103 **LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH LIMITED RESOURCES TO**
104 **ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH THE PAYMENT OF TUITION COSTS**
105 **FOR PEACE OFFICER CANDIDATES TO ATTEND AN APPROVED**
106 **BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY.**

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 authorizes the peace officers standards and training

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
February 27, 2020

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
February 21, 2020

(P.O.S.T.) board to establish a scholarship program for law enforcement agencies in rural and smaller jurisdictions with limited resources due to their size or location to assist the agencies with the payment of tuition costs for peace officer candidates to attend an approved basic law enforcement training academy.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-31-310, **amend**
3 (2) and (3); and **add** (4) as follows:

4 **24-31-310. Resources for the training of peace officers - peace**
5 **officers in rural jurisdictions - legislative declaration.** (2) The ~~moneys~~
6 MONEY collected and transferred to the P.O.S.T. board cash fund pursuant
7 to section 42-3-304 (24) ~~C.R.S., shall~~ MUST be used to provide training
8 programs for peace officers, especially peace officers in rural and smaller
9 jurisdictions that have limited resources due to the size or location of such
10 jurisdictions. The ~~moneys shall~~ MONEY MUST be used and distributed
11 pursuant to ~~subsection (3)~~ SUBSECTION (3) OR (4) of this section.

12 (3) The ~~moneys~~ MONEY collected and transferred to the P.O.S.T.
13 board cash fund pursuant to section 42-3-304 (24) ~~C.R.S., shall~~ MUST be
14 used and distributed as determined by the P.O.S.T. board. The ~~moneys~~
15 MONEY in the fund ~~shall~~ MUST be used to pay the salary and benefits of
16 any employee hired by the department of law in order to administer the
17 peace officer training programs and to cover any other costs incurred by
18 the P.O.S.T. board in connection with such programs. Under no
19 circumstance shall general fund ~~moneys~~ MONEY be used to cover such
20 costs incurred by the department of law or the P.O.S.T. board.

21 (4) (a) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABLE MONEY COLLECTED,
22 TRANSFERRED TO, AND REMAINING IN THE P.O.S.T. BOARD CASH FUND,
23 THE P.O.S.T. BOARD MAY ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LAW

1 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN RURAL AND SMALLER JURISDICTIONS, AS
2 DEFINED BY FEDERAL LAW, WITH LIMITED RESOURCES DUE TO THEIR SIZE
3 OR LOCATION TO ASSIST THE AGENCIES WITH THE PAYMENT OF TUITION
4 COSTS FOR PEACE OFFICER CANDIDATES TO ATTEND AN APPROVED BASIC
5 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY. IF A PERSON WHOSE TUITION
6 COSTS TO ATTEND THE BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY WERE PAID
7 FOR PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (4) DOES NOT TAKE A POSITION IN
8 PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER ATTENDING THE BASIC LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, THE PERSON SHALL REIMBURSE THE COST OF
10 ATTENDING THE BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY TO THE P.O.S.T.
11 BOARD.

12 (b) THE P.O.S.T. BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AS MAY BE
13 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
17 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
18 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
19 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
20 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
21 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
22 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
23 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.