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FISCAL NOTE

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

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 Sen. Grantham

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BILL TOPIC: P.O.S.T. BOARD TRAINING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2015-2016 Current Year	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue			
State Expenditures			
Cash Funds	\$75,000		
Appropriation Required: None.			
Future Year Impacts: None.			

Summary of Legislation

This bill, **recommended by the Joint Budget Committee**, requires the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board to create and implement a training curriculum to provide information about how to recognize and respond to incidents of abuse and exploitation of at-risk adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). The bill requires the training to be implemented prior to June 30, 2016, and that costs be paid within existing appropriations.

Background

Colorado's Adult Protective Services system, enacted in 1991, is designed to protect vulnerable or at-risk adults who, because of age or mental or physical ability, are unable to obtain services or otherwise protect their own health, safety, and welfare. An "at-risk adult" is any person over the age of 18 who meets this criteria. Mandatory reporting of abuse is currently required for at-risk elders over the age of 70. Beginning on July 1, 2016, Senate Bill 15-109 expanded the mandatory reporting requirement to cover known or suspected abuse of at-risk adults with an IDD. Mandatory reporters to whom the bill applies include professions such as:

- doctors, nurses, chiropractors, dentists, pharmacists, and emergency medical service providers;
- medical examiners and coroners;
- hospital and long-term care facility personnel engaged in the admission, care, or treatment of patients;
- mental health professionals and social workers;

- clergy members;
- law enforcement and fire protection personnel;
- staff at community-centered boards (CCBs);
- personnel at banks and financial institutions; and
- home health providers and home care placement agency staff.

In addition, the bill narrowed the mandatory reporting requirement for personnel at banks and other financial institutions. Specifically, the requirement to report only applies to personnel who directly observe abuse or exploitation or who have a reasonable cause to believe that abuse or exploitation has occurred or will occur.

Senate Bill 15-109 created a task force to study the cost, best practices, and other aspects of expanded mandatory reporting for this population. Among its recommendations, the task force suggested that the POST Board develop and deliver training to law enforcement officers and district attorneys prior to the bill's implementation date of July 1, 2016.

State Expenditures

In the current fiscal year, FY 2015-16, this bill increases one-time state cash fund expenditures in the Department of Law by \$75,000. The department has funding available within its existing cash fund appropriations to create and implement the training program.

Local Government Impact

The bill will increase workload and costs for law enforcement personnel and district attorneys to participate in the training program. These impacts are expected to be minimal.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

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