



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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**TITLE:** CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AS PEACE OFFICERS.

### **Summary of Legislation**

Current law specifies which employees in the Department of Law may be designated by the Attorney General to be peace officers. This designation provides the authority to enforce all laws of the State of Colorado and to be certified by the Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Board. The bill authorizes the Attorney General to designate certain other assistant attorneys general and employees of the Department of Law as a peace officer that may be certified by the P.O.S.T. Board.

The bill becomes effective upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **Background**

The P.O.S.T. Board documents and manages the training and certification of all active peace officers and reserve peace officers working for Colorado law enforcement agencies. The board also provides continuing training on emerging issues.

### **Assessment**

The bill is assessed at no fiscal impact. The bill does not change the fact that the Attorney General can designate certain employees within the Department of Law as a peace officer. Rather, the bill broadens the list of those types of employees whose authority may include peace officer designation.

### **Departments Contacted**

Law

Public Safety