

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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SHORT TITLE: FIREFIGHTER PEACE OFFICER PTSD WORK COMP COVERAGE

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2014-2015	FY 2015-2016
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates The Peace Officer Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Task Force to research work-related peace officer post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) and make recommendations for policies and practices to be considered by public employers in Colorado. The commission will study issues related to the identification, prevention, and the treatment of PTSD, in addition to workers' compensation claims, professional awareness, and standardizing preemployment psychological screenings.

The task force consists of 20 members, representing various state agencies, local governments, and other experts in the field of peace officer psychology. The governor must appoint a task force member from an executive department to serve as a co-chair and the president of the Fraternal Order of the Police will also serve as a co-chair. The task force must meet by July 1, 2014, and at least four times thereafter to complete their duties. The meetings may be held in meeting space provided by the entities represented on the task force. All meetings will be open to the public. By January 1, 2015, the task force must submit a written report detailing their findings to the General Assembly. Legislative Council and the Office of Legislative Legal Services will not provide staff support to the task force. The task force repeals on December 31, 2015.

State Expenditures

The bill will likely increase expenditures and workload for the following state agencies that must serve on the task force:

- Department of Labor and Employment;
- Department of Public Safety;
- Department of Corrections;
- Department of Personnel and Administration; and
- Department of Human Services.

The representatives appointed from each of these state agencies will be required to attend up to five meetings between July 1, 2014 and December 31, 2014. This will increase workload by a minimal amount for these state agencies, but no new appropriations are required.

Local Government Impact

The bill may also increase expenditures for local governments serving on the task force. The representatives appointed from local governments will be required to attend up to five meetings between July 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014. This will increase workload by a minimal amount for these entities.

Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on June 6, 2014.

State and Local Government Contacts

Personnel
Special Districts
Military and Veterans Affairs
Natural Resources

Counties
Labor
Public Safety

Municipalities
Law
Corrections