

Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**STATE and LOCAL
FISCAL IMPACT**

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BILL TOPIC: PEACE OFFICER SHOOTINGS TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Workload increase and potential decrease.	
FTE Position Change		
Appropriation Required: None.		

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

Summary of Legislation

This bill requires each Colorado law enforcement agency to develop and electronically post or make available upon request its protocols concerning the involvement of other law enforcement agencies when investigating a peace officer-involved shooting.

If a district attorney declines to prosecute an officer-involved shooting, it is required to make a report outlining the findings of the case and the basis for the decision not to file charges. The district attorney must post this information electronically or make it available upon request.

State Expenditures

This bill increases workload by a minimal amount for state agencies that employ peace officers to develop and post or make publicly available protocols for investigating officer-involved shootings. The Departments of Corrections, Law, Natural Resources, Public Safety and Revenue, along with institutions of higher education, employ peace officers and many of these agencies have protocols in place. However, to the extent that this bill changes the way law enforcement agencies cooperate on multi-agency teams, workload and costs could increase or decrease by an unknown amount. This analysis assumes that should this occur, the affected state agency will adjust its appropriations through the annual budget process.

Local Government Impact

Similar to the state, workload is increased for local law enforcement agencies, such as municipal police departments, sheriffs' offices, and town marshal's offices, to develop and make publicly available the required protocols. If this bill changes the way law enforcement agencies cooperate on multi-agency teams, workload and costs could increase or decrease by an unknown amount. Workload will also increase for district attorneys to prepare and make publicly available reports concerning decisions not to file charges against peace officers involved in shootings.

Effective Date

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

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections
Higher Education
Local Affairs
Public Safety

Counties
Human Services
Municipalities
Revenue

District Attorneys
Law
Natural Resources
Sheriffs