

  
*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**FINAL**  
**FISCAL NOTE**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 12-0514  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Coram  
 Sen. Roberts

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**Bill Status:** Signed into Law  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING PEACE OFFICER STATUS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPALITY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2012-2013	FY 2013-2014
<b>State Revenue</b>	Potential increase.	
<b>State Expenditures</b>	Potential increase.	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> The bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect April 6, 2012.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> Potential increase.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill confers peace officer status for certain municipal attorneys and allows them to enforce laws and become certified by the peace officers standards training (P.O.S.T.) board.

**State Revenue and Expenditures**

Overall, this bill may increase state revenue and expenditures, as discussed below.

To the extent that eligible municipal attorneys choose to apply for P.O.S.T. certification, state revenue and workload could increase. Currently, applicants must pay \$39.50 to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in the Department of Public Safety for a background and fingerprint check, and \$125 to the Attorney General's Office to take the exam. As it is unknown how many municipal attorneys would choose to apply for P.O.S.T. certification status, no estimate has been provided. This analysis assumes the increase in revenue and state expenditures will be minimal.

In addition, as many crimes against peace officers call for enhanced penalties, state costs could increase as a result of any future crimes committed against municipal attorneys acting as peace officers. This amount has not been estimated, but is anticipated to be minimal.

**Local Government Impact**

To the extent that municipalities choose to assist eligible attorneys with training and costs for P.O.S.T. certification, local government costs could increase. This amount has not been estimated.

**Departments Contacted**

Judicial

Law

Local Affairs

Public Safety