



Fiscal Note
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SB 25-065: INDEMINIFICATION OF PEACE OFFICERS' CRIM CONDUCT

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Bill Outcome: Postponed Indefinitely
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Fiscal note status: This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill. This bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State and Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee on February 11, 2025; therefore, the impacts identified in this analysis do not take effect.

Summary Information

Overview. The bill would have clarified that a public entity does not have to satisfy any liability of the judgment or settlement arising from a criminal violation of a peace officer.

Types of impacts. The bill was projected to affect the following areas on an ongoing basis:

- State Expenditures
- Local Government

Appropriations. No appropriation is required.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts

Type of Impact	Budget Year FY 2025-26	Out Year FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

Summary of Legislation

The bill clarifies that a public entity does not have to indemnify a peace officer or have to satisfy any portion of the judgment or settlement from a claim arising from a criminal violation unless the peace officer's employer was a causal factor in the violation.

Background

Currently, there is a case filed with the Colorado Court of Appeals to determine if statute currently requires a public entity to satisfy any portion of the judgment or settlement from a claim arising from a peace officer's criminal violation. This case is challenging the Fremont County District Court's interpretation of Section 13-21-131 (4)(a), C.R.S.

State and Local Government Expenditures

If a court finds that public entities do need to satisfy part of a settlement against a peace officer, then the bill will decrease costs to state and local entities that hire peace officers. The fiscal note assumes that the bill clarifies current law and will minimally impact state agency liability.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Corrections	Municipalities
Counties	Natural Resources
District Attorneys	Personnel
Higher Education	Public Safety
Human Services	RTD
Judicial	Revenue
Law	Sheriffs