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(Sean McCann, [X](#), 5/29/20)

Sean McCann Said He Was Proud To Be Endorsed By The Sierra Club, Who Supported Defunding The Police

In 2018, McCann Said He Was Proud To Be Endorsed By The Sierra Club. (Sean McCann, [Facebook](#), 11/1/18)



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In 2020, The Sierra Club Supported Defunding The Police. “The Sierra Club is committed to meeting this moment. We mobilized our members and staff to take part in massive Juneteenth rallies across the country. We added our voices to support the Movement for Black Lives’s demands: Defund the police, invest in Black communities, and get Donald Trump out of office. The board officially signed on to their platform late last week.” (Ramón Cruz, “A Movement Moment,” [Sierra Club](#), 6/23/20)

- “Like so much in this moment, these demands might seem unprecedented or radical. (Although I’m sure we can all get behind the last one). Where did this push to defund the police come from? And why is the Sierra Club supporting it?” (Ramón Cruz, “A Movement Moment,” [Sierra Club](#), 6/23/20)

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- **McCann Was Named A Sexual And Reproductive Health Champion By Planned Parenthood Advocates Of Michigan.** (Sean McCann, [X](#), 6/29/22)



(Sean McCann, [X](#), 6/29/22)

In July 2020, Planned Parenthood Action Fund Tweeted That They Stood With Black Lives Matter And Their Calls To Defund The Police. “We stand with @Mvmnt4BlkLives' call to defund the police. That means politicians must shift their priorities from investing in forces that brutalize Black people — toward infrastructure that strengthens and protects Black communities.” (Planned Parenthood Action, [Twitter](#), 7/10/20)



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Planned Parenthood Federation Of America Called For Defunding The Police.
(Planned Parenthood, [Twitter](#), 6/21/20)



(Planned Parenthood, [Twitter](#), 6/21/20)

In 2022, McCann Said He Was “Proud” To Be Endorsed By NARAL Michigan After NARAL Supported Defunding The Police

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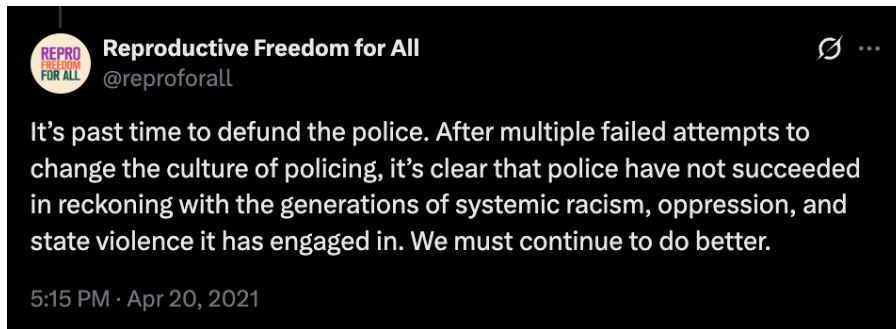


(Sean McCann, [X](#), 10/13/22)

In 2022, McCann Was Endorsed By NARAL Pro-Choice America. “The following information was released by NARAL Pro-Choice America: Today, NARAL Pro-Choice America announced its endorsement of 32 candidates running for election to the Michigan State House and Senate. Michigan and roughly half of the states in the country are at risk of banning abortion now that the U.S. Supreme Court has overturned Roe v. Wade. ... State Senate Endorsements ... Sen. Sean McCann (SD-19)” (Press Release, “NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA ENDORSES 32 CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE MICHIGAN STATE LEGISLATURE,” NARAL Pro-Choice America, 7/27/22)

In August 2023, Then-NARAL Supported Defunding The Police. “NARAL Pro-Choice America supports the demands of the Movement for Black Lives, including defunding the police and investing in Black communities, which are a response to hundreds of years of systemic oppression and the failure of reforms to address urgent needs and injustices. Budgets reflect our priorities. As such, the call to defund the police is also a call for investment in Black communities—in urgent needs that are currently underfunded, like access to healthcare, education, social services, and more. Through this investment, we can work to make sure every person, every parent, and every family is able to thrive.” (“Racial Justice,” [NARAL](#), Accessed Via WayBack: 8/24/23)

Then-NARAL In April 2021: “It’s Past Time To Defund The Police. (Reproductive Freedom For All, [X](#), 4/20/21)



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Roll Call No. 276			
Yeas—17			
Albert	Hauck	Lauwers	Outman
Bellino	Hoitenga	Lindsey	Runestad
Burnstead	Huizenga	McBroom	Theis
Daley	Johnson	Nesbitt	Webber
Damoose			
Nays—20			
Anthony	Chang	Klinefelt	Polchanki
Bayer	Cherry	McCann	Santana
Brinks	Geiss	McDonald Rivet	Shink
Camilleri	Hertel	McMorrow	Singh
Cavanagh	Irwin	Moss	Wojno
Excused—1			
Victory			

(SB 173 – Senator Theis Amendment, [Roll Call #276](#), Failed: 17 – 20, McCann Voted Nay, 5/11/23)

The Amendment Offered By Senator Lana Theis Would Have Ensured A School Resource Officer At Every School. “A public school, district, or intermediate district that receives funding under this section shall use the funding only to ensure that it has at least 1 school resource officer at its school, district, or intermediate district to do 1 or more of the following in his or her

service at the school, district, or intermediate district” (“2023 Senate Bill 173 / Public Act 103,” [Michigan Votes](#), Accessed: 1/17/24)

Amendment offered by Sen. Lana Theis (R-22)

1. Amend page 299, following line 9, by inserting:
"Sec. 97b. (1) From the state school aid fund money appropriated in section 11, there is allocated for 2022-2023-2024 an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.00 \$50,000,000.00 to public schools, districts, and intermediate districts as prescribed in this section.
(2) To receive funding under this section, a public school, district, or intermediate district must apply for the funding to the department of state police, grants and community services division, in a form and manner prescribed by the department of state police, and must pledge, in its application, that it will provide 50% matching funds for the funds it receives under this section.
(3) The department of state police shall not award funding under subsection (1) to a public school, district, or intermediate district in relation to the same school building more than once in a single grant application period. If a district submits an application under subsection (2) relating to a school building and a public school within that district also submits an application for funding in relation to that same school building, the department of state police shall not allocate funding under subsection (1) twice for that school building. If a public school, district, or intermediate district submits more than 1 application, the department of state police shall first consider the most recent application submitted in considering funding under subsection (1).
(4) A public school, district, or intermediate district that receives funding under this section shall use the funding only to ensure that it has at least 1 school resource officer at its school, district, or intermediate district to do 1 or more of the following in his or her service at the school, district, or intermediate district:
(a) Assist school administration in ensuring the physical safety of school buildings of the school, district, or intermediate district and the individuals inside the school buildings.
(b) Work with school administration to develop safety procedures for potential threats in school buildings of the school, district, or intermediate district.
(c) Welcome, counsel, and mentor students.
(d) Educate students about law-related topics, as appropriate.
(e) De-escalate aggression that occurs between students or between students and school, district, or intermediate district staff.
(f) Mentor students as advisors and role models.
(5) Funds allocated under this section may be used to hire new school resource officers or to increase the hours for current school resource officers. This funding may be used whether the school resource officers are hired from public employers or from private security companies.
(6) (5) Funds allocated under this section for 2022-2023-2023-2024 are a work project appropriation, and any unexpended funds for 2022-2023-2023-2024 are carried forward into 2023-2024, 2024-2025. The purpose of the work project is to continue providing funding to support public schools, districts, and intermediate districts in having school resource officers at schools, districts, or intermediate districts. The estimated completion date of the work project is September 30, 2027, 2028.
(7) (6) Notwithstanding section 17b, the department shall make payments under this section on a schedule determined by the department.
(8) (7) As used in this section, "public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, MCL 380.5," and adjusting the totals in section 11 and enacting section 1 accordingly.
2. Amend page 382, line 23, after "97," by striking out "97b."
3. Amend page 382, line 29, after "388.1697," by striking out "388.1697b."
The amendment failed 17 to 20 (details)

(“2023 Senate Bill 173 / Public Act 103,” [Michigan Votes](#), Accessed: 1/17/24)

According To Studies, The Presence Of SROs Lead To A Decrease In Violent Incidents In Schools, Including Rape, Robbery, And Physical Attacks. “That said, by at least one definition, they do appear to make a difference in one dimension of safety. A series of recent studies conclude that the presence of SROs does appear to lead to declines in violent incidents in schools, such as rape, robbery, and physical attacks.” (Stephen Sawchuck, “School Resource Officers (SROs), Explained,” [Education Week](#), 11/16/21)

McCann Voted To Give Credit Toward Earliest Date For Parole For Inmates Who Participate In Educational, Vocational, Or Other Rehabilitation Programs

McCann Voted To Give Credit Toward Earliest Date For Parole For Inmates Who Participate In Educational, Vocational, Or Other Rehabilitation Programs. (SB861, [Roll Call #567](#), Passed 22-13, 12/12/24, McCann Voted Yea)

2024 Senate Bill 861

► Corrections: prisoners; provision of prison code relating to productivity time credit system; create.

[Official record](#) ↗

i Mackinac Center Analysis

Provides up to 20% credit toward earliest date for parole hearing to inmates who participate in and complete educational, vocational, or other programming where "research and evidence indicate the program improves rehabilitation, behavioral, or post-release prisoner outcomes." Prisoners sentenced to life without parole or for certain major crimes are not eligible. Prisoners who engage in major misconduct while participating in the program would not receive productivity credits for those months.

May 7, 2024 **Introduced in the Senate**

► **Introduced by Sen. Jeff Irwin (D-15) and eight co-sponsors**

Referred to the Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

Dec. 3, 2024 Reported without amendment

Dec. 4, 2024 **Referred to the Committee of the Whole**

Dec. 5, 2024 ► Reported with amendment

Amendment concurred in by voice vote

Dec. 12, 2024 ► **Amendment offered by Sen. John Cherry (D-27)**

The amendment passed by voice vote

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The amendment passed by voice vote

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The amendment passed by voice vote

Passed in the Senate 22 to 13 ([details](#))

Dec. 13, 2024 **Received in the House**

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations

2024 Senate Bill 861 ↔

Senate Roll Call 567: Passed

22 Yeas / 13 Nays

Democrat (19 Yeas / 1 Nay)

Anthony (D-21)	Cavanagh (D-6)	Hertel (D-12)	McMorrow (D-8)	Shink (D-14)	McDonald Rivet (D-35)
Bayer (D-13)	Chang (D-3)	Irwin (D-15)	Moss (D-7)	Singh (D-28)	
Brinks (D-29)	Cherry (D-27)	Klinefelt (D-11)	Polehanki (D-5)	Wojno (D-10)	
Camilleri (D-4)	Geiss (D-1)	McCann (D-19)	Santana (D-2)		

Republican (3 Yeas / 12 Nays)

Huizenga (R-30)	Albert (R-18)	Daley (R-26)	Johnson (R-24)	Outman (R-33)
McBroom (R-38)	Bellino (R-16)	Hauck (R-34)	Lindsey (R-17)	Runestad (R-23)
Victory (R-31)	Bumstead (R-32)	Holtenga (R-36)	Nesbitt (R-20)	Webber (R-9)

Excused or Not Voting (3)

Damoose (R-37)	Lauwers (R-25)	Theis (R-22)
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