



Police Practices S.T.A.T.

(Standardization, Transparency, and Trust)

Michigan Senate Legislation to Improve Police Practices and Transparency, Build Community Trust

This comprehensive bipartisan bill package supported by Michiganders, law enforcement officials would limit use of no-knock warrants, require de-escalation and crisis response training, and enforce other safeguards to protect residents and enhance the police profession

Michiganders across the political spectrum want and deserve safety in their communities and that includes safety in interactions with law enforcement.

A bipartisan group of Michigan senators introduced a bill package to improve police practices and strengthen community trust and safety.

This Police Practices **Standardization, Transparency, and Trust (S.T.A.T.)** legislation, **comprised of Senate Bills 333-343**, would make reasonable and practical changes to how police officers handle interactions with community members to prevent the use of excessive force. Research has shown that strong use-of-force policies are associated with police officers being less likely to be killed in the line of duty and less likely to be assaulted, along with fewer police killings per capita.

A YouGov poll shows that among Michiganders...



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"Once the bills are adopted, Michigan agencies will see the same benefits that Detroit has seen in augmented trust and confidence within their communities, stronger levels of uniformity and cohesion with their rank and files, greater deference to transparency and overall increases in morale. But the greatest benefit, as every agency will see, is the knowledge that the reputation of their agencies and officers will be heavily guarded through conformance to statewide standards established by our elected representatives for the benefit of Michigan residents."

Todd Bettison
Detroit Police Chief

SB 333 Use of Force

Senator
Chang
(D)

Mandates all police agencies create use-of-force policies that include a requirement for officers to only use physical force that is "objectively reasonable;" standards for and alternatives to using physical force, including de-escalation techniques; and classifying chokeholds as "deadly force."

"Improving police and community trust is crucial for public safety. No matter where you live in the state, you can expect to be treated with dignity and respect by law enforcement officers. By ensuring strong use of force policies, we can save lives of both officers and community members."

SB 334 Training Improvement

Senator
Irwin
(D)

Requires law enforcement officers receive training vetted by behavioral health experts in de-escalation techniques, implicit bias, procedural justice, and crisis response.

SB 335 Duty to Intervene

Senator
Johnson
(R)

Requires all law enforcement agencies adopt a duty to intervene policy, which would direct officers to intervene when observing another officer using excessive force and report the incident to the immediate supervisor.

SB 336 No-Knock Warrants

Senator
Geiss
(D)

Limits use of no-knock warrants, providing several specific instructions regarding when and how they can be used by an officer who must be in uniform or identifiable as a police officer.

SB 337
SB 338

Senator
Santana
(D)

Body Cam Tampering

Cracks down on body camera tampering, allowing digital images or video audio recordings from body-worn cameras be permitted as "tampering with evidence." The bill also prohibits an officer from purposely deactivating a camera while using excessive force.

SB 339

Senator
Moss (D)

SB 340

Senator
Victory (R)

Separation Records

Requires a separation record to include any disciplinary process or investigation against an officer; gives MCOLES the authority to create a provisional separation of service record; and guarantees due process for an officer if they disagree with the contents of their separation of service or provisional separation of service records.

SB 341

Senator
Anthony
(D)

MCOLES Act Update

Requires the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) to ensure consistency in background checks prior to licensure of an individual and revoke a license if the individual is convicted of a misdemeanor involving domestic violence.

"My bill streamlines the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards Act to ensure consistent practices and empowers them to take clear, corrective action when bad actors undermine their responsibilities. It's a step toward rebuilding confidence where it's been shaken and making sure our public safety systems work for everyone."

SB 342

Senator
McBroom
(R)

False Testimony

Ensures that protection for compulsory statements by police officers during internal investigations of wrongdoing will only protect truthful statements.

"Citizens need honest and factual answers when investigating incidents between criminals and police officers. This bill makes a very important change to disallow false answers from law enforcement officers when verifying their lawful actions."

SB 343

Senator
Cavanagh
(D)

Anonymity for Complaints

Prohibits a person from knowingly disclosing information in a misconduct complaint against an officer that personally identifies the individual who filed the complaint unless there is a court order or the person who filed the complaint gives permission to be identified.

This bipartisan package was developed over the course of about five years and has incorporated extensive feedback from law enforcement stakeholders such as the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), statewide law enforcement organizations, law enforcement leaders around the state, as well as community stakeholders. The majority of the bills in the package have the support of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and Michigan Sheriffs Association, and several bills have the support or neutral position from the Police Officers Association of Michigan. From Louisiana to Minnesota, many of the elements of this bill package are similar to those implemented by other states around the country and even build upon existing policies in many of Michigan's law enforcement agencies.

A YouGov poll shows that among Michiganders...

78%
support body cam
tampering policies

78%
support MCOLES
Act update

89%
support separation
records

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"I wrote and passed the original law on police separation records. I believe these bills will improve that law. A police officer's record of behavior must be permanent and available to future police employers."

Rick Jones

Former Senator, Eaton County Sheriff

Along with the support of bipartisan state policymakers and Michigan residents, **several faith leaders, community groups, and councils are also calling for its adoption, including:**

- Gov. Whitmer's Black Leadership Advisory Council
- Michigan Catholic Conference
- Michigan Legislative Black Caucus
- Prison Fellowship
- Everytown for Gun Safety
- Safe and Just Michigan
- Law Enforcement Action Partnership
- Michigan Collaborative to End Mass Incarceration
- ACLU of Michigan
- Reason Foundation
- NAACP Michigan State Conference
- Innocence Project
- NAACP Detroit Branch

"Police officers help to keep people safe by deterring, investigating, and interrupting criminal activity. Lawmakers in Lansing have an opportunity to foster community trust and equip law enforcement with transparent and standardized practices by passing the Police Practices S.T.A.T. legislation."

Ally Alfonsetti

Legislative Strategist for Prison Fellowship

QUESTIONS?

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