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**While social workers and police officers responding together to calls has become popular in the past few years**, the practice has been going on since the 1920s, said Barry Goetz, a sociology professor at Western Michigan University. “I think it’s a good idea that there’s an attempt to kind of formalize it once again,” Goetz said. Across the state, law enforcement departments take varying approaches to integrating social workers into policing, but Goetz and other experts express concerns that it’s being done too hastily.