

STATEMENT

Kristen McDonald-Rivet voted to continue giving taxpayer-funded scholarships to college students who are actively supporting terrorist organizations and threaten violence against other students.

Verification

McDonald-Rivet Voted Against An Amendment That Would Prohibit Students With A “History Of Supporting Terrorist Organizations Or Threats Of Physical Violence” From Receiving Taxpayer-Funded Scholarships. “Senator Theis offered the following amendment: 1. Amend page 66, following line 7, by inserting: ‘Sec. 275r. (1) A student found to be in violation of the student code of conduct of the postsecondary education institution the student attends may not receive an award under a scholarship program receiving an appropriation under section 236(7), if the violation of the student code of conduct is determined to be a result of the student’s support of a terrorist organization. (2) By September 30, 2025, any postsecondary education institution that suspended or denied a scholarship award under subsection (1) must provide a report disclosing the number of students who had a scholarship suspended or denied under this section to the house and senate appropriations subcommittees on higher education, the house and senate fiscal agencies, and the state budget director. (3) As used in this section, ‘terrorist organization’ means a foreign organization that is designated by the United States secretary of state in accordance with section 219 of the immigration and nationality act, 8 USC 1189, as amended.’ The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Senator Lauwers requested the yeas and nays.” (Senate Bill 748, [Roll Call #140](#), Failed: 17 – 15, Rivet Voted Nay, 5/9/24)

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| Bayer | Cherry | Klinefelt | Polchanki |
| Brinks | Geiss | McCann | Shink |
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