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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 669 OF THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:

House Bill 669 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Although I appreciate any attempt by the General Assembly to support youth in foster care, in its current form House Bill 669 would do away with more than \$11 million per year in critical funding the Cabinet for Health and Family Services relies on to support youth in foster care. When testifying on House Bill 669, the bill sponsor told the committee the Cabinet had not used federal funding for youth in foster care since 2012. That statement was false. Last year the Cabinet spent approximately \$11.4 million in Social Security benefits to support youth in foster care and spent \$67.5 million in federal funds from January 1, 2020 through October 15, 2025 toward the costs of foster care. If The General Assembly takes away this much money from the Cabinet without appropriating new funds to make up for it, it will hurt the very foster children the bill is meant to support.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 669.

This, the 10th day of April, 2026.

Andy Beshear
Governor