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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 96 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 96 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*House Bill 96 violates the separation of powers enshrined in the Kentucky Constitution. By adding 10 legislators as voting members to the postsecondary education working group, the bill effectively turns an executive branch working group into a legislative committee overnight. Under the current law, the working group consist of 13 members – the Governor (or designee), the presidents of each public postsecondary institution (or designees), the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education, the House Speaker (or designee), and the Senate President (or designee). Under House Bill 96, the Converting a lawfully constituted executive branch working group into a legislative committee violates Kentucky’s separation of powers and prevents the governor from faithfully executing the laws of the Commonwealth.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 96.*

This, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

  
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Andy Beshear  
Governor