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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING HOUSE BILL 372 OF THE 2021 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 372 of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing House Bill 372 because while I support the concept of programs to incentivize remote workers to locate in the Commonwealth and reasonable incentives to support the creation of data centers, I have concerns about the drafting of this particular language, as well as the rushed nature in which the bill was passed. Legislation creating these programs requires more time, discussion, and nuance.

I also have concerns about the amount of up-front dollars that the bill provides based merely on the promise of a project, as well as the lack of discretion to say "no" to a project that is certain to fail.

This the 9th day of April, 2021.

Andy Bostear

Governor

