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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING SENATE BILL 148 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 State Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

Senate Bill 148 of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*I am vetoing Senate Bill 148 because it is unconstitutional and would put Kentuckians' health and safety at risk. Senate Bill 148 creates a dangerous situation where the Governor and the Cabinet for Health Family Services could not act to protect Kentucky's children, childcare workers and families by changing capacity limits at childcare centers during the COVID-19 pandemic to any level other than what was in effect before the pandemic. Senate Bill 148 attempts to micromanage the emergency public health response to COVID-19, a responsibility of the executive branch of government, and infringes on executive powers in this public health emergency.*

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

Andy Beshear  
Governor

