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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 258 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 258 of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing House Bill 258 because it prospectively cuts teachers' retirement benefits, which will impair the Commonwealth's ability to attract and retain teachers, especially since the General Assembly has also refused to give teachers a raise. If the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency has taught us anything, it is the vital role teachers play in the lives of our children and in our economy. Teachers deserve better than House Bill 258.

This the 24th day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Beshear", written over a horizontal line.

Andy Beshear
Governor