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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 5 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 5 of the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am vetoing House Bill 5 because it would remove a necessary tool for the Governor to "faithfully execute the law" under Section 81 of the Kentucky Constitution. The inability of a Governor to temporarily alter his Executive Branch Cabinets and Offices would prevent him from executing new laws passed by the General Assembly or the United States Congress that require new or different governmental structures to carry out. It would also disqualify the Commonwealth from federal grants that may require a new office or commission. Moreover, the reorganization of the Executive Branch Cabinet is an executive function under the separation of powers provisions under Sections 27 and 28 of the Kentucky Constitution.

This the 19th day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "AB", written over a horizontal line.

Andy Beshear
Governor