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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 92/PSS 2 OF THE
2022 REGULAR SESSION

Section 1.

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 parts:

Page 3, line 21 (as amended by Senate Committee Amendment 1, HB 92/PSS 2), after “urban-county government” delete “and”.


Page 3, line 21 (as amended by Senate Committee Amendment 1, HB 92/PSS 2), after “city” delete “[” and eliminate the strikethrough of “, political subdivision, and”.

Page 3, line 22 (as amended by Senate Committee Amendment 1, HB 92/PSS 2), eliminate the strikethrough of “public agency, as that term is defined in KRS 61.805(2),” and delete “[”.

I am vetoing these parts at the request of the Office of the Attorney General, which asserts that a line item veto is appropriate and necessary to protect the Commonwealth’s recent national settlement in opioid litigation and future such settlements. According to the Office of the Attorney General, these parts in Senate Committee Amendment 1 (HB 92/PSS 2) that passed the Kentucky State Senate and were concurred in by the Kentucky House of Representatives on final passage remove the statutory bar required under the national settlement for the Commonwealth to receive maximum funds under the settlement. Thus, these parts, which the Senate added and the General Assembly passed on the last day of the 2022 Regular Session, may cause the Commonwealth and local governments to lose tens of millions of dollars they are currently eligible to receive under the national settlement.

For these reasons, I am vetoing these parts of House Bill 92.

This the 26th day of April, 2022.



Andy Beshear
Governor