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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY REGARDING SENATE BILL 163 OF THE 2022 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:

Senate Bill 163 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

I am supportive of the original intentions of the bill, including expanding KEES scholarship funding for proprietary education and providing additional support to children in military families. I also share the sponsors' desire to extend KEES scholarships to nonviolent offenders with the hope to provide transition into society and reduce recidivism. In addition, I support conditions on who can receive those funds based on the severity of the criminal offense they committed.

However, acknowledged drafting errors will lead to unforeseen and unintended consequences that will undermine the bill and the goals it seeks to achieve. It is my hope that early in the next legislative session, those errors can be rectified.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 163.

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MICHAEL G. ADAMS
SECRETARY OF STATE
COMMONWEALTH, OF KENTUCKY
BY

This, the 25th day of April, 2022.

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