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**VETO MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 243 OF THE
2022 REGULAR SESSION**

Legislators Compensation

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 part:

Page 1, line 26, after "biennium", delete the rest of the line.

Page 1, line 27, delete "provided to state employees in the state/executive branch budget".

I am vetoing this part because the drafters of Kentucky's Constitution envisioned a part-time, citizen legislature. Despite this status, the average annual compensation and reimbursements for Kentucky legislators will approach \$60,000 this year, more than the average annual income of Kentucky households. While recent legislative sessions have contended with Kentucky state government's unfunded pension liabilities, providing an increase in pay for legislators increases the future pension payments of the legislative retirement system. In a budget that refuses to give educators and all school district employees a salary increase, the legislature should not provide itself an eight percent pay increase.

This, the 11th day of April, 2022.


Andy Beshear
Governor