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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 773 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:

House Bill 773 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 773 completely strips the Governor of the authority to appoint any members to the Prosecutors Advisory Council, an executive branch body. Previously, the Governor appointed all members of the Council other than the Attorney General. House Bill 773 is thus another example of this legislature attempting to divest this Governor of his role as the Commonwealth's Chief Magistrate.

House Bill 773 also eliminates any mechanism for the removal of members of the Prosecutors Advisory Council. Accordingly, there is no way to remove a member, even if he or she is guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, or gross neglect of duty.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 773.

This, the 6th day of April, 2022.

Andy Beshear
Governor