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GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 207 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 207 of the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

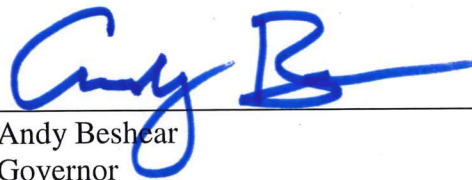
I am vetoing Senate Bill 207 because it is unnecessary and creates a redundant oversight body. On July 7, 2020, through Executive Order 2020-551, I created and established the Kentucky Education and Workforce Collaborative to ensure the continued implementation of the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board's Strategic Plan. Senate Bill 207 creates a statutory Education and Workforce Collaborative for that same purpose, but omits several key stakeholders. Those key stakeholders include the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, the Jobs Corps Center, the Commission on Military Affairs, the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, a KACO-recommended county judge/executive, the National Federation of Independent Business, the Council on Post-Secondary Education Conference of Presidents, and the Kentucky Human Development Institute. Including the perspectives of these stakeholders is vital to ensuring Strategic Plan implementation addresses new and continuing challenges in every aspect of education and workforce development.

I am also vetoing Senate Bill 207 because it sets milestones that may violate federal law. For example, Senate Bill 207 sets a milestone for local workforce boards to "assume fiscal and administrative responsibilities, including planning, oversight, and evaluation of all public workforce programs in the board's area" by 2024. However, workforce programs like the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act ("WIOA") and the Wegner-Peyser Act expressly provide that the Governor and the State – not the local boards – shall develop and implement monitoring systems and oversight plans to ensure local areas comply with WIOA and Wegner-Peyser workforce program requirements.

To the extent it attempts to allow local workforce boards to oversee themselves, Senate Bill 207 violates express federal law and regulations of the United States Department of Labor.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 207.

This, the 8th day of April, 2022.



Andy Beshear
Governor