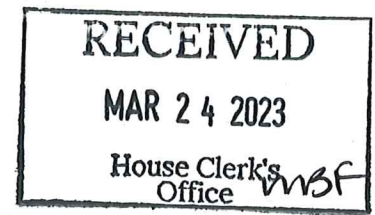




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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 395 OF THE 2023 REGULAR SESSION

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 395 of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

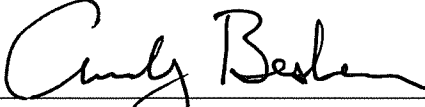
House Bill 395 is unnecessary because it creates a legislative board, the Investments in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects Oversight Board, which is duplicative of an existing board, the Capital Planning Advisory Board of the Kentucky General Assembly. The Capital Planning Advisory Board was established in 1990 and is the only state government capital planning entity comprised of members from all three branches of government as well as public members. It is currently co-chaired by Senator Phillip Wheeler and Representative Nancy Tate, who has worked as a project manager with the UPS Information Technology division.

The purpose of the Board is to prepare a comprehensive six-year state capital improvement plan and to make funding recommendations every biennium as to state spending for capital projects. The capital improvement plan includes all information technology projects. The Board gives special attention to information technology projects by incorporating an advisory review, scoring and recommended prioritization of all information technology project proposals by the Commonwealth Office of Technology, which convenes information technology representatives from across state government. That process assesses how information technology proposals align with technology developments using a best value approach. The comprehensive six-year state capital improvement plan is an input into the biennial budget process tying together the long-term planning process with the budget decisions for information technology projects.

House Bill 395 duplicates all of the purposes of the Capital Planning Advisory Board as it relates to information technology. Among the duplicated elements is the submission of agency-wide plans on information technology system proposals, methods of funding them, recommendations on the amount of funding, and reporting on project implementation. The new board is comprised of only legislative members.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 395.

This, the 24th day of March, 2023.



Andy Beshear

Governor