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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING SENATE BILL 107 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:

Senate Bill 107 of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Senate Bill 107 politicizes the process for hiring the Commissioner of Education, and adds an unnecessary bureaucratic obstacle to hiring and keeping the Commissioner. The Commissioner of Education must by law have the professional qualifications the Kentucky Board of Education decides are appropriate for the office, and the Board selects the Commissioner after going through a national search for candidates for the office. Requiring Senate confirmation – which, contrary to committee testimony, is not required for the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources – will undermine the Board of Education's decision that is based on a thorough process, and will keep good candidates from wanting to seek the office because politics could stop them from carrying out the office after the Board has hired them.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 107.

This, the 24th day of March, 2023.


Andy Beshear
Governor

Mary Ann Kirk
Deputy Clerk Senate
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