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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING SENATE BILL 122 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 State Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

Senate Bill 122 of the 2023 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

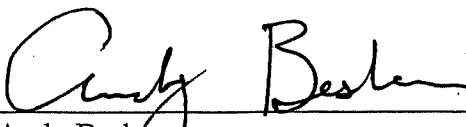
*I am vetoing Senate Bill 122 because the role of the General Assembly is not to pass legislation to determine control over space at the Capitol and the Capitol Annex, including who is assigned which parking spots at the Capitol. In Senate Bill 122 the General Assembly attempts to give itself parking spaces at the Capitol that are currently used by employees of the executive branch, including spaces used by Kentucky State Police Facilities Security Officers. The bill requires that more than 2,500 parking spaces around the Capitol and Capitol Annex be assigned to the General Assembly and the Legislative Research Commission; the legislative branch has only about 400 employees when the General Assembly is in session and even fewer outside of session. The legislative branch has not expressed any lack of available parking for legislators or staff. The rest of the parking spaces are available for Kentuckians and visitors at our Capitol to see the grounds and buildings. The Finance and Administration Cabinet supports and services all parking spaces around these buildings. There is no reason to assign more than 1,500 parking spaces for only 400 legislators and staff.*

*Taking space at the Capitol and Capitol Annex through legislation is akin to the General Assembly passing a bill to take space occupied by the Supreme Court of Kentucky, or passing a bill to take parking spots and lodge rooms at a Kentucky State Park.*

*For these reasons I am vetoing Senate Bill 122.*

This, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Mary Annikul  
Deputy Clerk Senate  
10:14 AM 3/24/2023

  
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Andy Beshear  
Governor