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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 136 OF THE 2025 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 136 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

House Bill 136 would make the Department of Corrections breach a current contract by requiring it to procure a new inmate communications services contract by January 1, 2026. The Department already has a contract with a vendor for inmate communications services and would violate the terms of that contract by doing what House Bill 136 requires. As a result, House Bill 136 violates the Contracts Clause of the Kentucky Constitution and would impair the obligations of the Department under its existing contract, exposing the Commonwealth to a costly litigation. The Commonwealth will procure a new contract when the current one expires on July 14, 2026.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 136.

This, the 25th day of March, 2025.


Andy Beshear
Governor