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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 240 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 240 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*If the General Assembly wants to solve the issue of children not being prepared for kindergarten or first grade, it needs to fund universal pre-k education. In the current biennial budget I recommended \$172 million be appropriated to begin funding universal preschool for Kentucky's 4-year-olds. The legislature did not act. House Bill 240 is not the answer. We should prepare, not punish, our youngest learners. Further – as an unintended consequence – the bill will keep some students from being eligible to play sports in their senior year.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 240.*

This, the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
Andy Beshear  
Governor