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<u>VETO MESSAGE FROM THE</u> <u>GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY</u> <u>REGARDING SENATE BILL 207 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION</u>

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 207 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

Senate Bill 207 gives unfettered authority to the Kentucky Board of Education to suspend <u>any</u> statute that it enforces if a local board of education requests it. This significantly expands the Kentucky Board of Education's discretion that currently allows it to suspend only its own regulations if requested and will create disproportionate educational standards between local school districts. The bill will allow the Board to suspend recently-passed statutes, such as KRS 158.196, and would allow school districts to exceed maximum class sizes set by statute and permit districts to employ up to 25% of its teachers who do not have the statutorily-required certifications.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 207.

This, the $\frac{26}{6}$ day of March, 2025.

Andy Beshear

Governor



