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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE  
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 379 OF THE 2026 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 379 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*Part of House Bill 379 would require the Kentucky Department of Revenue to collect debts on behalf of Kentucky's public universities. This is a function the Department used to perform but stopped because many times the Department would end up expending more resources than it brought in for gathering these debts on behalf of universities. In the meantime, universities have found other effective ways to collect their own debts, which are far less costly to the Department and more beneficial to Kentucky taxpayers. If House Bill 379 becomes law, it will require the Department to hire additional staff, for which there is no funding available.*

*Using the Department's resources to gather debts for universities that have identified other more cost-effective ways to do this is a losing proposition for the commonwealth and its taxpayers.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 379.*

This, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Andy Beshear  
Governor