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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING SENATE BILL 173 OF THE 2026 REGULAR SESSION**

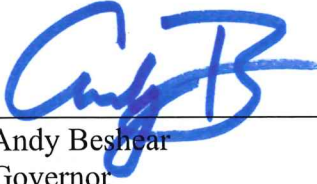
*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

Senate Bill 173 of the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*Senate Bill 173 is a legislative power grab. The bill gives two legislative committees the power to review and find deficient the Medicaid state plan and the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program state plan, even when the legislature is not in session and does not exist. Through Senate Bill 173, the General Assembly once again ignores the clear ruling of the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1984 that filing regulations like those to implement these state health plans are executive branch functions that the legislature cannot interfere with. LRC v. Brown, 664 S.W.2d 907.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing Senate Bill 173.*

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

  
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Andy Beshear  
Governor

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