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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 356 OF THE**  
**2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**OPERATING BUDGET**

**Circuit Clerk Expense Allowance**

*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 part:*

Page 2, lines 13 through 15, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because Circuit Clerks are compensated less than other county officials. Because Circuit Clerks also have continuing education needs, this veto will help restore equity for Circuit Clerks.*

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Biennial Audits**

*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 part:*

Page 9, line 23, after "Audits", delete the rest of the line.

Page 9, lines 24 through 27, in their entirety.

Page 10, line 1, in its entirety.

Page 10, line 3, after "papers", delete the rest of the line.

*I am vetoing this part because the Court of Justice already requires an annual external audit by Order of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, to be performed by an independent auditor or independent auditing firm under contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts, which is preferable to a biennial audit. The findings and reports of the annual audit are made public. The Auditor of Public Accounts has the opportunity to submit a proposal or bid in response to any request for proposal for the annual external audit.*

**Employee Layoffs, Furloughs, and Reduced Hours**

*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 part:*

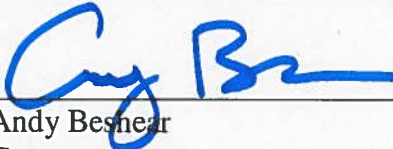
Page 10, lines 12 through 27, in their entirety.

Page 11, lines 1 through 27, in their entirety.

Page 12, lines 1 through 18, in their entirety.

*I am vetoing this part because the Court of Justice has the authority to and has set its own personnel policies, and therefore this part is unnecessary.*

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
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Andy Beshear  
Governor