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**VETO MESSAGE FROM THE**  
**GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 136 OF THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

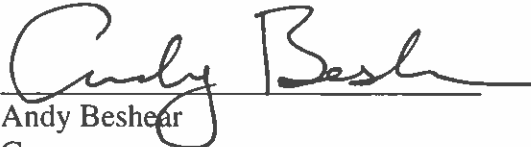
*I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky Constitution, do hereby veto the following:*

House Bill 136 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

*House Bill 136 would make the Department of Corrections breach a current contract by requiring it to procure a new inmate communications services contract by January 1, 2026. The Department already has a contract with a vendor for inmate communications services and would violate the terms of that contract by doing what House Bill 136 requires. As a result, House Bill 136 violates the Contracts Clause of the Kentucky Constitution and would impair the obligations of the Department under its existing contract, exposing the Commonwealth to a costly litigation. The Commonwealth will procure a new contract when the current one expires on July 14, 2026.*

*For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 136.*

This, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

  
Andy Beshear  
Governor