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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 240 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 240 of the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly in its entirety.

If the General Assembly wants to solve the issue of children not being prepared for kindergarten or first grade, it needs to fund universal pre-k education. In the current biennial budget I recommended \$172 million be appropriated to begin funding universal preschool for Kentucky's 4-year-olds. The legislature did not act. House Bill 240 is not the answer. We should prepare, not punish, our youngest learners. Further – as an unintended consequence – the bill will keep some students from being eligible to play sports in their senior year.

For these reasons, I am vetoing House Bill 240.

This, the 26th day of March, 2025.



Andy Beshear
Governor