

## HR 8749

### DATA Privacy Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Commerce

**Introduced:** Nov 12, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned. (Nov 12, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 12, 2020
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Nov 12, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Commerce

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 583	Identical bill	Feb 27, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

## **Digital Accountability and Transparency to Advance Privacy Act or the DATA Privacy Act**

This bill establishes information security requirements for businesses that collect, process, store, or disclose information relating to at least 3,000 people in a 12-month period. The bill applies to information that may be linked to a specific individual or a device associated with a specific individual. It does not cover data related to employment or publicly available government records.

Specifically, covered businesses must

- provide consumers with accessible notice of the business' privacy practices with respect to such information; and
- if meeting a certain revenue threshold, appoint a privacy officer to oversee compliance with the information privacy standards of this bill.

The bill further requires the Federal Trade Commission to promulgate rules requiring covered businesses to

- limit the purpose and amount of consumer data collection to reasonable business purposes, provide consumers with clear methods to opt-in and opt-out of such collection, and refrain from using such data for discriminatory purposes;
- provide consumers with a method to access, revise, transmit, and delete such collected information; and
- establish information security practices based on the sensitivity and level of identifiability of the collected data, risk of exposure of such data, widely-accepted practices of securing such data, and cost and impact of implementing such practices.

The bill further revises the National Science Foundation information security grants program to include research about methods to encrypt or remove identifiable elements from collected consumer data.

### **Actions Timeline**

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