

## HR 1781

### PROTECT Kids Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Science, Technology, Communications

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 11, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Science, Technology, Communications

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Preventing Real Online Threats Endangering Children Today or the PROTECT Kids Act

This bill addresses the online collection of personal information from children.

Specifically, the bill raises the age for parental consent protections for children online from under 13 to under 16, adds geolocation and biometric information to protected personal information, and extends all protections for children online to mobile applications.

The bill also requires the operator of a website, online service, or mobile application to delete a child's personal information upon the verified request of a parent, and it prohibits such operator from terminating service to a child whose parent has refused to permit further collection or use of that child's personal information.

Additionally, the Federal Trade Commission must study and report on the appropriateness of the existing actual knowledge standard (preventing an operator from collecting personal information without meeting certain requirements when it has actual knowledge that it is collecting such information from a child) and what effects changing such standard will have on children's online privacy.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 11, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.