

# Senate Children and Family Law Committee

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**HB 1460-FN**, prohibiting the sale of location and other sensitive data regarding children.

**Hearing Date:** March 19, 2026

**Time Opened:** 11:22 a.m.

**Time Closed:** 11:33 a.m.

**Members of the Committee Present:** Senators Abbas, Sullivan and Long

**Members of the Committee Absent :** None

**Bill Analysis:** This bill prohibits the sale of the location and other sensitive data regarding children.

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**Sponsors:**

Rep. Litchfield  
Rep. L. Miner  
Sen. Gannon  
Sen. Sullivan

Rep. Markell  
Rep. Granger  
Sen. Murphy

Rep. Edwards  
Rep. Moffett  
Sen. Lang

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**Who supports the bill:** Rep. Melissa Litchfield, Jennifer Favreau, Curtis Howland, Timothy Finney, Sherly Harianto, Pamela Harders, Aubrey Freedman, Rep. Debra DiSimone, Donald Gilbert, Matthew Bliar, Warren Cormack

**Who opposes the bill:** Georgina Lambert

**Summary of testimony presented:**

**Rep. Melissa Litchfield (Rockingham - District 32)**

- A child's location should not be bought and sold.
- Location data can be collected over time to show patterns of where a child lives, goes to school, and the routines they follow.
- This information can be bundled and sold without a family even realizing.
- Once a child's data enters the marketplace, parents lose visibility and control over how their child's data is used.
- This bill makes a distinction between data being used to provide a service and data being turned into a product to be sold. It would not prevent parents and children from sharing locations.
- HB 1460 operated within existing privacy frameworks.

- It may require companies to change how they monetize children's data, but does not ban them from offering a service.
- Senator Long asked if there is a definition for sell here, and if data could then be traded.
  - The Department of Justice may be more prepared to answer that question.

**Rep DiSimone (Rockingham - District 18)**

- Selling sensitive information makes traffickers' jobs easier.
- Children don't understand who they are interacting with online, so we have to protect them from their trust in society by not allowing the sale of their sensitive information.

**Warren Cormack (Assistant Attorney General, New Hampshire Department of Justice)**

- This bill gives companies the ability to sell children's data only if they have received consent from the parent.
- The sale of children's location data can result in a surprisingly detailed set of information that creates a profile that allows for them to be found and tracked.
- Children under thirteen likely do not understand the consequences of having their data stolen.
- Other states have already gone further than this bill. Connecticut and Maryland ban the sale of data up to eighteen years old and targeted ads to minors.
- Companies that operate nationwide should already be able to adhere to stricter mandates than this legislation.
- Senator Long asked if someone can trade data even if they cannot sell it.
  - This bill fits within the larger framework of the New Hampshire Data Privacy Act. All of the terms within this bill can be found there.
  - Any exchange for valuable considerations would be considered a sale, whereas bankruptcy and mergers are not.

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