

## Cybersecurity Policy Report, New Jersey Bill to Restrict Use of COVID-19 Data Advances, (Jun. 15, 2020)

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The New Jersey state Assembly Science, Innovation, and Technology Committee has advanced a bill to restrict the use of personal data that is collected as part of contract tracing relating to COVID-19 pandemic.

According to AB 4170, which is sponsored by Assembly members Andrew Zwicker (D.), Daniel Benson (D.), and Shavonda Sumter (D.), “to the extent that any public health entity collects data regarding an individual for the purposes of contact tracing related to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, including digital data from Bluetooth devices or global positioning systems, such health and location data shall only be used by the public health entity for the purposes of completing contact tracing, and the public health entity shall ensure the data is deleted from the entity's records no later than 30 days after the date the data is received by the entity.”

The bill further provides that if a public health entity shares data collected for the purposes of contact tracing with a third party, the public health entity must publish the name of the third-party entity on its website or on the Department of Health website and must require that the third-party entity only use the data for the “purposes of completing contact tracing related to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the third-party entity delete the data by the date on which the public health entity is required to delete the data.”

The committee amended the bill to delete language that provided that the bill would expire one year after the end of both the state of emergency and the public health emergency declared in response to the pandemic. As amended, the provisions of the bill will not expire.

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