CONSIDERATION OF BILL (REPORT STAGE)

DATA PROTECTION BILL [LORDS], AS AMENDED

NOTE

This document includes all amendments tabled to date and includes any withdrawn amendments at the end. The amendments have been arranged in the order in which they relate to the Bill.

Frank Field

★ To move the following Clause—

“Social security benefits: disclosure of personal data

(1) The Secretary of State shall authorise the disclosure of personal data specified under subsection (2) to a person or body on a register maintained under subsection (3).

(2) Personal data under this section shall be data relating to a new or existing claim by an individual to one or more of the following benefits—

(a) Income Support,
(b) income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance,
(c) income-related Employment and Support Allowance,
(d) support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999,
(e) the guaranteed element of Pension Credit,
(f) Child Tax Credit,
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(g) Working Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit run-on,
(h) Universal Credit,
(i) Disability Living Allowance,
(j) Personal independence payment, and
(k) any other benefit or credit which may be designated by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(3) The Secretary of State shall, by regulations—
(a) provide for the establishment of a register of persons or bodies to whom personal data may be disclosed under this section, and
(b) specify who those persons or bodies shall be.

(4) Personal data may be disclosed under this section without the claimant having to provide explicit consent for such disclosure.

(5) Regulations under this section shall be made by statutory instrument and may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

Member’s explanatory statement
This new clause would require the Secretary of State to disclose data on individuals’ eligibility for benefits, as well as the management of their claim, to registered third parties (which would be other specified public bodies, including local authorities, and third sector bodies, including advice agencies). Disclosure would not need the individual’s consent.

Frank Field

★ To move the following Clause—

“Eligibility for benefits: duty to share data

(1) It shall be a legal obligation within the meaning of point 1(c) of Article 6 of the GDPR for the Secretary of State to share with a local authority, on request by that local authority, data relating to eligibility of individuals for social security benefits.

(2) The social security benefits for which data on eligibility of individuals shall be shared under subsection (1) are—
(a) Income Support,
(b) income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance,
(c) income-related Employment and Support Allowance,
(d) support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999,
(e) the guaranteed element of Pension Credit,
(f) Child Tax Credit,
(g) Working Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit run-on,
(h) Universal Credit,
(i) Disability Living Allowance,
(j) Personal independence payment, and
(k) any other benefit or credit which may be designated by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(3) The obligation under subsection (1) shall apply only in relation to a person who qualifies for one or more of the benefits listed under subsection (2).
(4) A local authority may use data shared under subsection (1) only for—
   (a) the purpose of registering a child as being eligible for free school meals, and notifying the person responsible for care of the child that the child has been registered,
   (b) the purpose of registering a child or any other person as being eligible for Healthy Start vouchers, and notifying the person registered or notifying the person responsible for care of the child that the child has been registered,
   (c) the purpose of registering a child for free early years education and childcare, and notifying the person responsible for care of the child that the child has been registered, or
   (d) any other purpose which may be designated by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(5) Regulations under this section shall be made by statutory instrument and may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.”

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ORDER OF THE HOUSE [5 MARCH 2018]
That the following provisions shall apply to the Data Protection Bill [Lords]:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Public Bill Committee.

Proceedings in Public Bill Committee

2. Proceedings in the Public Bill Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 27 March 2018.
3. The Public Bill Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading

4. Proceedings on Consideration and proceedings in legislative grand committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on Consideration are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
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6. Standing Order No. 83B (Programming committees) shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and up to and including Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.