

HB 1853 -- Public Governmental Body Meetings

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This bill requires any public governmental body to make and retain a verbatim audio recording of any closed meeting. The audio recording will not be available for public inspection, but can be examined privately by a judge in a civil action to determine if there has been a violation of the Open Meetings and Records Law, commonly known as the Sunshine Law. The penalty provision is repealed for the illegal recording of a closed meeting without the permission of the public body.