

HB 1769 -- Audio Recordings of Closed Meetings

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This bill repeals the current provisions which prohibit an audio recording of any closed public body meeting and requires all public governmental bodies to take a verbatim audio recording of any closed meeting and to retain it for at least 18 months. The recordings must be closed to the public; and if any civil action regarding the recordings is brought to enforce Sections 610.010 - 610.035, RSMo, the judge, at his or her discretion, must conduct an in camera examination of the recording to determine if there has been a violation.

The court may authorize a public governmental body to redact from the minutes of a meeting closed to the public any information deemed to qualify under the attorney-client privilege.