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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

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It's getting *dark and stormy* here in Tallahassee!



On Friday, the Florida House of Representatives is scheduled to hear a bill that will ***reverse*** nearly ***50 years*** of ***public policy*** and allow ***secret meetings*** between two members of a public board or commission.

Contrary to current law, **CS/HB 843** by **Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Naples**, would allow two members of the same board or commission to discuss public business privately without public notice or minutes of such meetings.

Granted, there are some “safeguards” in the bill: it prohibits agreements to take future formal action, as well as discussions of expenditures of public funds, and stipulates that such meetings can’t be held for the purpose of frustrating or circumventing the purpose of our famed Sunshine Law.

**But can we ask what seems to be a very obvious question?
HOW WOULD WE KNOW?????**

**This is an invitation to pernicious mischief by our elected officials.
Oversight? *GONE!!*
Accountability? *GONE!!***

CS/HB 843 is on special order in the House on Friday, April 28. Session is scheduled to start at 10:30 AM

Here is a link to the bill: <http://bit.ly/2oxCrng>

And if you’d like to contact your legislators to express your concerns, you will find their email addresses here: <http://bit.ly/1PoX8DV>

If you have questions about CS/HB 843 or any of the other bills currently on the FAF tracking list, please contact Barbara Petersen at 800/337-3518 or sunshine@floridafaf.org.