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VIDEO: Historic Budget Transparency

Each week that the legislature is in session I will be updating you on progress being made in Springfield on behalf of the 22nd District and the State of Illinois.

The General Assembly has now convened, and lawmakers are busy working on solutions to our current budget crisis and rebuilding Illinois' economy.

As we all know, for decades the state budget has been a source of frustration for the people of Illinois. Yet, little is known about our state's budget process. This past week I voted to support legislation that will shed light on how the budget is put together.

House Bill 2240 requires that the General Assembly be informed of the state's fiscal status and then make recommendations to the Governor while the proposed budget is still being drafted.

This is an historic step for state government in Illinois. For the first time ever the state's budget process is truly open to the public, the media and to legislators on both sides of the aisle. This new measure will provide transparency, accountability and move us forward to a sustainable budget in Illinois.

I will continue to fight for more reforms that bring Illinois' legislative process out into the open.

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