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**State Programs to be Given a Closer Look under Sunshine
Legislation**

Springfield...The efficiency and effectiveness of programs run by the state's executive branch will get a closer look under legislation approved by the Illinois House on Thursday, March 11, according to state Rep. Randy Ramey (R-Carol Stream).

"We owe it to all Illinois residents to streamline government as much as possible, and the efficiency and effectiveness of programs run by this state is something that is not but should be considered each and every year," said Ramey. "This legislation will allow for an independent commission, comprised of legislators and members of the public, to closely review the validity of state programs. My hope is that this commission will be able to point out programs that can be eliminated or consolidated, to bring real savings to the taxpayers."

Specifically, House Bill 4836 creates a Sunshine Commission, consisting of 4 legislators and 4 public members, to conduct a thorough review of the relevance, efficiency, and effectiveness of each executive branch program. The Commission is required to report its recommendations to the General Assembly within 6 months after the bill becomes law, and further requires the General Assembly, by joint resolution, to approve or reject the report within 60 session days after the report is filed.

According to Ramey, the Commission's report must include recommendations as to the elimination of obsolete or ineffective programs, the consolidation of duplicative programs and steps to improve a program's efficiency or effectiveness.

House Bill 4836 will now be sent to the Senate for further consideration.

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