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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES HOWE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CLOSURE TENTATIVE TIMEFRAME

The Illinois Department of Human Services notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the Department was closing the Howe Developmental Center located in Tinley Park, Illinois on September 5, 2008. The State Facility Closure Act (30 ILCS 608) requires the Commission to seek a recommendation for closure from the Department of Human Services. The State Facility Closure Act has specific time frames in which requirements of the act must be met. Below is a timeline showing specific dates for the closure of the Howe Developmental Center:

- ✍ **(Initial Announcement Date)** *The Department of Human Services notified the Commission of the intent to close the Howe Developmental Center on **September 5, 2008**.*
- ✍ **(10 Days)** ***September 19, 2008** the Commission requests recommendation for closure.*
- ✍ **(30 Days)** ***November 3, 2008** deadline for recommendation from the Department of Human Services.*
- ✍ **(30 Days)** *A public comment period from **November 5th-December 19th, 2008**.*
- ✍ **(35 Days)** ***November 5th-December 30th, 2008**. The Commission must have a public hearing during this time frame. This hearing must take place within a twenty-five miles radius of the Department of Human Services facility.*
- ✍ **(50 Days)** ***January 21st, 2009**. Deadline for the Commission to issue an advisory opinion.*

The timeline above is based on business days excluding weekends and holidays. Should the Department of Human Services supply the Commission with a recommendation prior to the statutorily required 30 day period, the timeline would be adjusted to reflect any changes.