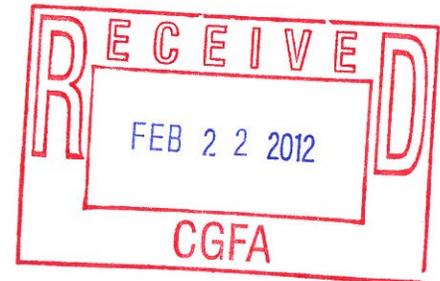




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The Honorable Jeffrey Schoenberg, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Patricia Bellock, Co-Chair  
Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability  
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Re: Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice  
Illinois Youth Center at Murphysboro

Senator Schoenberg and Representative Bellock:

As you know, on September 8, 2011, the Department of Juvenile Justice (the "Department") provided notice to the Commission of its intent to close the Illinois Youth Center facility at Murphysboro. Subsequently, the Commission conducted a hearing on the matter and the Department completed the statutory steps of the facility closure process under the State Facilities Closure Act, 30 ILCS 608/5-1 et seq.

With the completion of the State Facilities Closure Act process, the Department intends to implement the closure of the Youth Center at Murphysboro, with an anticipated closure date of July 31, 2012. With the exception of the later closure date, the Department's Recommendation for the closure of this facility remains the same.

Please let me know if the Commission has any questions or if we can provide you with any additional information.

Sincerely,

Arthur Bishop  
Director