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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITY CLOSURE TIME FRAME FOR THOMSON CORRECTIONAL CENTER

On November 25th, 2009, the Illinois Department of Corrections notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the department intended to close Thomson Correctional Center in Thomson, Illinois. The State Facility Closure Act (30 ILCS 608) requires the Commission to seek a recommendation for closure from the Department of Corrections “in the case of a proposed closure of a (i) prison, youth center, work camp, or work release center operated by the Department of Corrections.” The Department of Corrections submitted the required recommendation for closure for Thomson Correctional Center on November 25th, 2009, in conjunction with the closure notification letter. 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 process of the Thomson Correctional Center:

- ✍ **(Initial Announcement Date)** *The Department of Corrections notified the Commission of the intent to close the Thomson Correctional Center on **November 25th, 2009**. The Department submitted the required recommendation for closure on this same date.*
- ✍ **(30 Days)** *A public comment period from **November 26th-December 25th, 2009**.*
- ✍ **(35 Days)** ***November 26th-December 30th, 2009**. The Commission must have a public hearing during this time frame. This hearing must take place within a 25 mile radius of the Thomson Correctional Center.*
- ✍ **(50 Days)** ***January 14th, 2010**. Deadline for the Commission to issue an advisory opinion.*

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