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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITY CLOSURE UPDATED TIMEFRAME FOR PONTIAC CORRECTIONAL CENTER

The Illinois Department of Corrections notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the Department was closing Pontiac Correctional Center on May 6th, 2008. The State Facility Closure Act (30 ILCS 608) requires the Commission to seek a recommendation for closure from the Department of Corrections. 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 Pontiac Correctional Center:

- **(Initial Announcement Date)** *The Department of Corrections notified the Commission of the intent to close Pontiac Correctional Center on May 6th, 2008.*
- **(10 Days)** *May 20th, 2008 the Commission requests recommendation for closure. Statute requires the Commission to request a recommendation from the agency in the case of a prison closure.*
- **(30 Days)** *July 15th, 2008 date in which the Department of Corrections submitted the required recommendation for closure. By statute the recommendation was due on July 2nd, 2008.*
- **(30 Days)** *A public comment period from July 16th-August 26th, 2008.*
- **(35 Days)** *July 16th-September 3rd, 2008. The Commission must have a public hearing during this time frame. This hearing must take place within a 25 mile radius of Pontiac Correctional Center.*
- **(50 Days)** *September 24th, 2008. Deadline for the Commission to issue an advisory opinion.*

The timeline above is based on business days excluding weekends and holidays.