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ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITY CLOSURE TIMEFRAME FOR KANKAKEE MINIMUM SECURITY UNIT

The Illinois Department of Corrections notified the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability that the department was closing the Kankakee Minimum Security Unit in Kankakee, 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 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 Kankakee Minimum Security Unit:

- ☞ **(Initial Announcement Date)** *The Department of Corrections notified the Commission of the intent to close the Kankakee Minimum Security Unit on **September 8, 2009**.*
- ☞ **September 11, 2009** *the Commission requests recommendation for closure. Statute requires the Commission to request a “recommendation for closure” in the case of a facility operated by the Department of Corrections.*
- ☞ **(30 Days) October 26, 2009** *date in which the Department of Corrections must submit the required recommendation for closure*
- ☞ **(30 Days)** *A public comment period from **October 27 – December 10, 2009**.*
- ☞ **(35 Days) October 27 – December 17, 2009.** *The Commission must have a public hearing during this time frame. This hearing must take place within a 25 mile radius of the Kankakee Minimum Security Unit.*
- ☞ **(50 Days) January 11, 2010.** *Deadline for the Commission to issue an advisory opinion.*

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

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