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## *Florida Department of Corrections to Begin Pilot of 12-Hour Shifts*

*—Saving Money and Increasing Employee Satisfaction—*

Monticello – The Florida Department of Corrections will implement 12-hour shifts as a pilot program for its security staff at **Jefferson Correctional Institution** beginning June 10, 2011. Following a successful pilot, the Department will implement 12-hour shifts for correctional officers at its prisons statewide.

“Twelve-hour shifts will give correctional officers more time with their families and put more money in their wallets,” said Florida Department of Corrections Secretary Edwin Buss. “For taxpayers, it saves money because it reduces overtime and decreases the number of officers needed at the facility.”

Twelve hour shifts require correctional officers to work fewer days -- 182 days versus 260 days—and gives them every other weekend off. Officers will also be paid for an additional four hours of work each pay period. No correctional officers will lose their jobs, as savings will be achieved through attrition.

Indiana, Alabama, Arkansas and Ohio are among the state prison systems that have implemented 12-hour shifts and have recommended them for other Corrections Departments.

The program is expected to save nearly \$170,000 annually at Jefferson CI alone. Jefferson Correctional was chosen as the pilot site because of its size, proximity to Tallahassee and strength of its warden and staff.

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