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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 11, 2005

**THE GEO GROUP, INC.**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Florida  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

1-14260  
(Commission File Number)  
Identification No.)

65-0043078  
(IRS Employer

621 NW 53rd Street, Suite 700, Boca Raton, Florida  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33487  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code) (561) 893-0101

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 5 – Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

Mr. G. Fred DiBona, Jr., a member of the board of directors of The GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO") since May 2002, died on January 11, 2005, after a battle with cancer. Mr. DiBona served as the Chairman of the GEO board's Audit & Finance Committee and Compensation Committee. Mr. DiBona also served as a member of the GEO board's Executive Committee, Corporate Planning Committee and Independent Committee. GEO expects to appoint a new independent director to fill the vacancy created by Mr. DiBona's death in the near future.

**Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits**

None.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE GEO GROUP, INC.

January 18, 2005

Date

By: /s/ John G. O'Rourke

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John G. O'Rourke  
Senior Vice President – Finance and Chief  
Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer and duly  
authorized signatory)