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## **Public Hearings on New Youth Detention Admission Guidelines as Part of Reform**

**WHAT:** The Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) will hold public hearings on new Detention Admission Guidelines, which have been amended as part of Juvenile Justice Reform. JJS is seeking public comment on R547-13, which amends the admission guidelines for who can be held in detention. The proposed amendment includes the following changes:

- Youth can be admitted for any class A misdemeanor against a person
- Youth under age 12 can no longer be admitted unless they are charged with a violent felony offense
- Youth can no longer be admitted for failure to appear at court hearings within the past 12-months

**WHEN & WHERE:**

July 10 <sup>th</sup>	6p.m.- 8 p.m.	City Council Building: 175 N. 200 E., St. George, Utah
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	7p.m. - 9 p.m.	SLC Library: 210 E. 400 S. (Conference Room, Level 4), Salt Lake City, Utah
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	7p.m.- 9 p.m.	Logan Library: 255 N. Main Street (Bridger Room), Logan, Utah

**WHO:**

**Interview Opportunities:**

- Rep. Lowry Snow H.B. 239 Sponsor, (St. George)
- Susan Burke, JJS Director (Salt Lake & Logan)
- Donovan Bergstrom, JJS Program Director, (St. George, Salt Lake, Logan)
- Reg Garff, JJS Program Director, (St. George, Salt Lake, Logan)

**WHY:**

**Seeking Public Comment:** Seeking Public Comment on R547-13, Guidelines for Admission to Secure Youth Detention Facilities

**VISUALS:** Government officials will answer questions from community members attending the public hearings.