

Material welfare of families with children

Abstract

This thesis deals with material welfare of families with children from its history to the present. This subject matter is highly discussed topic nowadays. Thesis focuses on comprehensive presentation of this issue, points on some problems in practice and proposes recommended alternations „de lege ferenda“.

Solidarity was noticed in Neolithic age, in antient Greece and Rome already. In the Middle Ages we can mention mutuality. Security system as we know has been formed in the modern history since 1848. International law was reflected in internal legislation during the half of 20th century due to effort of raising social rights level. Social rights are embedded in either primary and secondary law in European law. Social security law unification is not required in European secondary law and method of convergence is applied. Thesis focuses on benefits provided in case of social events, pregnancy and maternity, parenthood, dependent child, insufficient income, sickness and death. Social insurance consists of sickness insurance, health and pension insurance. Benefits provided by sickness insurance are based on insurance principle, concerning sickness benefit, attendance allowance, maternity benefit, compensatory benefit in pregnancy and maternity, paternity benefit (father post-natal-paternity allowance), long-term attendance allowance are only paid to insured persons. Benefits provided by The state social support are focused on families with dependent children and based on non-insurance principle. The basic is regulated solidarity between families with children and without children as well as between high-income and low-income families. Benefits granted from state social support are divided into two groups. First group represent non-tested benefits, independent on the income of the recipient, i.e. parental allowance and funeral grant. Second group represent income-tested benefits, dependent on the income of the recipient, i.e children allowance, housing allowance and birth grant.

Keywords

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