

Resumé v anglickém jazyce (Abstract in English language)

This thesis deals with still very topical theme criminal liability and punishment of juveniles in the Czech Republic and its aim is to comprehensive familiarize readers with this issue with reference to many other sources, from which we can in more detail study various aspects of this field, which is constantly developing according to the most recent knowledge of juridical science and statistics, but also according to scientific findings from many different non-legal fields, mainly from psychology and sociology.

The first part analyses historical development of individual models of criminal liability and punishment of juveniles, which largely corresponds with the development of criminal law in Great Britain and in the USA. There are discussed historical reasons for changes of models, their advantages and disadvantages and last but not least, their potential application in the Czech Republic. Then the part focuses on historical development of youth criminal law in Czech countries, namely from the earliest times to the present, when the new and still effective Law on Juvenile Justice (Act No. 218/2003 Coll.) was enacted. In this historical analysis was mainly paid attention to the act from year 1931, which was the pattern for the contemporary legal regulation that builds on it.

Another chapter deals with international sources of law, which influence these issues. In terms of international documents the main attention was paid to the UN documents and the documents of Council of Europe and also there was evaluated the degree of performances of obligations, which result from these documents for the Czech Republic.

Following part is devoted to the fundamental principles of criminal liability and punishment of juveniles, because these principles are really important for interpretation of all other legal provisions and they are still valid despite frequent amendments to acts when a legislative activity comes out of these principles. Thereafter the work deals with valid and effective legal regulation of criminal liability of juveniles as it is in the Law on Juvenile Justice. There is in detail analysed a concept of absolute and relative criminal liability and then also problems of the determination minimum age, from which a juvenile becomes criminally liable. In this chapter there are also discussed and explained all characteristics of committing crime and circumstances that cause termination of punishability of juvenile. These all is supported by at least a short introduction to psychological phenomena that follow

child development and maturing including the most common problems which accompany this period of time and their prospective effect on committing of criminal activity and probability of a possible correction of an offender in individual cases.

Another extensive chapter deals with individual sanctions, which can be imposed by a court on juvenile for committing of a crime. There are discussed their pros and cons, historical development and their impact on a young offender. Step by step there is paid attention to possibility of waiver from imposing of criminal measure, conditional acquittal, educational, protective and criminal measures and the role of obligation to reimburse the costs and costs of appointed counsel as a type of indirect punishment.

Last but not least, the work in its last parts is devoted to basic differences between criminal procedure against juveniles and classical criminal procedure and special ways of procedure, for example a conditional stopping of a criminal prosecution, a settlement and an abandonment of a criminal prosecution.

Finally, a few lines is devoted to consideration *de lege ferenda* of current state of the criminal justice against juveniles in the Czech Republic and about possible changes which would be useful and effective in this area.

This work in its conclusion contains supplements, namely international comparisons of minimum age limit of criminal liability in each country in the world and clear charts of individual models of juvenile justice against with comparison of main characteristics of individual models for better clarity.