

Abstract

This diploma thesis *The issues of juvenile criminal justice* focuses on the area of juvenile criminal law which is a specific area of criminal law due to a necessity of a particular attitude towards youth. The legal regulation of the juvenile criminal law is incorporated particularly in ActNo. 218/2003 Coll. on the Responsibility of Juveniles for illegal Acts and on the Justice of Youth. Within the theme, the work seeks to capture especially the deviations that are special for the juvenile criminal law as opposed to the criminal law of adult offenders and to present a comprehensive overview of criminal justice over youth. The most extensive part of the thesis deals with the juvenile proceedings, attention is also paid to the substantive aspects of the juvenile criminal law and a considerable part discusses the proceedings in the affairs of children under fifteen.

The introductory chapter defines the basic concepts as applied by the Act on the Justice of Youth, especiallyterminologically definesthose that are subject to special treatment.

The following two chapters give an overview of the criminological aspects of juvenile delinquency and also outline the development of the legal regulation of juvenile justice in the Czech lands and present the form of the current legal regulation including its solutions with a focus on restorative justice.

The fifth chapter deals with the criminal responsibility of the youthwhich, compared to the criminal responsibility of adult offenders, has significant deviations.

In the sixth chapter the diploma thesis pays attentionto the purpose and system of measures imposed on juveniles for committing offenses, focusing, among other things, on the relation between protective and institutional custody.

The seventh and the broadest chapter deals with juvenile proceedings.There is a great deal of room dedicated to subjects who have a significant role in this type of proceeding such as the Office for the Social-Law Protection of Children, the Probation and Mediation Service and the legal guardian of the youth.

The eighth chapter is devoted to diversions used in juvenile cases.

The ninth chapter is concerned with the proceedings of matters of children under fifteen years of age and focuses in particular on the sources of legal regulation and the issue of ensuring this type of offenders.

At the end of the thesis, there is a reflection on the nature of the Act on the Justice of Youth, which is accompanied by reflections on possible changes to this act and on certain institutes that could find their place in the legal regulation of the juvenile criminal law.