

Abstract

The main content of the thesis is development and structure of juvenile delinquency in the Czech Republic between years 2007 and 2017, focusing on current trends and problematic aspects in this area, on prevention, alternative measures and approaches in criminal proceedings and on recidivism of youth offenders. The premise of the paper is that educational and therapeutic measures should be more used in criminal procedure in juvenile court.

The first part of the thesis defines the basic terms used by the author in his analysis, brief historical development of the juvenile justice system as an independent institute and the characteristics and causes of juvenile delinquency, which have their specifics.

The main part of the thesis is dedicated to the analysis of development and structure of juvenile delinquency in the years 2007 to 2017. In this part, the author also deals with the imposed sanctions and the structure of crime in 2017 and analyzes the percentage decline of property crime and other current trends that affect structure and tendencies of delinquency. These trends include, in particular, the access of young people to the Internet from an early age and spending time on social networks, which pose some risks in terms of crime.

The main part of the thesis also focuses on the issue of prevention and recidivism of juvenile offenders. At the same time, it focuses on activities of Social and Legal Protection of Children and activities of Probation and Mediation Service with related educational measures of probation program and supervision of probation officer. The penultimate chapter deals with the application of diversions and other alternative measures during criminal proceedings.

In conclusion, the author summarizes the problematic aspects of current legislation and proposes specific recommendations how to approach youth crime more effectively. The last chapter deals with the approach of restorative justice and minimal intervention in Germany with a brief comparison with the Czech legislation.