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Abstract

The thesis outlines the current theoretical knowledge in the area of crime prevention. It focuses on the definition of crime prevention as one of two components of crime control, as opposed to the repressive component. It also introduces various views on the definition of crime prevention presented in literature. Furthermore, it discusses the theoretical classification of crime prevention with a more detailed examination of classification in terms of content and levels of crime prevention.

Subsequently, the thesis narrows down its focus on the limiting factors of crime prevention encountered in practice. The thesis provides a general overview of the various categories of these factors as formulated in Czech and Slovak literature, as well as briefly turning to foreign resources.

Crime prevention is an extensive multi-faceted field involving a number of state as well as non-state entities. In order for crime prevention to be fully operational in a democratic state ruled by law, it must be done in accordance with the law. This is one of the theoretical requirements of this criminological sub-field, which is expressed by the principle of the complexity of crime prevention. However, acting in accordance with the law is not in itself sufficient. In the rule of law, it is essential that any activity, and in particular that carried out by State institutions, also be adequately regulated by the law.

Therefore, this thesis pays special attention to a particular category of crime prevention limits, namely the so-called legislative limits of crime prevention. The thesis discusses the legal basis of crime prevention in the Czech legal order; both the basis of constitutional character and the legal regulation of crime prevention in Czech law. Based on this, the thesis tries to formulate general theoretical categories of legislative limits which in practice set the boundaries of crime prevention.

The conclusion provides a brief excursion of the Slovak legislation on crime prevention, where we can find a separate Parliament Act regulating crime prevention passed in 2008.

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