

ABSTRACT

This paper deals with diversion in criminal procedure which is an alternative to criminal proceeding conducted in a classical way and which is an important part of modern criminal trial. The paper analyses single diversion groups and conditions for their use. Diversion has been outlined effective means for simplification of criminal procedure with a significant part of criminal cases. It has been pointed out that the most important effects of using diversion is unburdening of criminal justice, a not inconsiderable economisation of financial funds spent by the state on enforcement of criminal justice and with some kinds of diversion it is also the desirable strengthening of the position of the injured party in criminal procedure. The role of the Probation and Mediation Service of the Czech Republic, as an irreplaceable subject when dealing with criminal affairs by diversion, has been generally outlined. A simple excursion into the French legislation relating to diversions and the latest kind of diversion in the Czech Republic – agreement on guilt and punishment – has been described.