Material welfare of families

Abstract

The theme of the thesis focuses on selected legal means through which the state supports families and parenthood as important elements of society, which are guaranteed special protection at the constitutional level.

The text tracks the non-insurable social benefits of the social security system, which the state grants regardless of the previous status of the entitled person or his/her family members. After the introduction describing the right to social security and the general definition of the social security system in the Czech Republic, each chapter describes the development of specific social benefit that helps families, as the basic social and economic units of our society, in situations that put them into jeopardy.

The content of key chapters 3 to 6 elaborates on benefits that support families in case of expected life events (birth of a child, childcare, house financing), as well as benefits available in exceptional circumstances (care allowance, immediate emergency assistance, living allowance). The text clearly describes the development of the adjustment of individual types of benefits in the Czech territory over time up to the present day and draws attention to the main developmental and ideological breakthroughs, primarily focused on the personal scope of application and amount of benefits.

To cover the issue comprehensively, the last part of the thesis summarizes the current state of support provided families with benefits through so-called insurance benefits and tax instruments as indispensable components of family support.

The aim is to point out the historical context of the current state of the social benefits and to offer a perspective on the development of the social security system because its stability and reliability are important prerequisites to cohesion in society.

Key words

Social security, family policy, social benefits