

Fursa V.V. On the issue of reforming the current criminal legislation of Ukraine aimed at protecting minors from sexual assault. In the article, based on the analysis of the current provisions of Chapter IV of the Special Part of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, the expediency, necessity and completeness of changes introduced by the Law of Ukraine of December 6, 2017 "On Amendments to the Criminal and Criminal Procedural Codes of Ukraine in order to implement the provisions of the Council of the Convention Europe on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence" and the Law of Ukraine of March 14, 2018 "On Amendments to the Criminal Code of Ukraine on the Protection of Children Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation"

The changes made caused significant resonance both in society and in scientific circles. The new wording sets forth articles 152, 153 and 154 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. The changes made a radical change in the perception of the essence of rape and forced sexual satisfaction in an unnatural way.

The articles of articles 155 and 156 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine were also amended. Entries in Art. 155 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, at first glance, seem to be correct, the legislator and evaluative concepts refused, and gave clarity, which should be understood as sexual intercourse, and that under the abuse of minors, and brought into conformity criminal and criminal-procedural legislation. However, positive changes in Art. 155 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine for some reason are not reflected in Art. 156 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine. Thus, the provision on a juvenile subject of a crime, contained in Article 155 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine, is not reflected in Art. 156 Reforming the legislation in the area of protecting a person from sexual assault is necessary, but the changes mentioned are hasty, not perfect, causing more questions than answers.

In the article, the author focuses on the problematic aspects of the changes and suggests some possible ways of their solution, since current editorial articles are not able to protect the person from sexual abuse as much as possible.

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