
Research on Ways to Improve the Effectiveness of Policies to Punish Sex Offenders Against Children and Adolescents

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Herein, policies to punish sex offenders against children and teenagers consist of sex offender community notification practices, sex offender job restrictions, and the mandatory reporting of sex crimes.

Such systems are very much necessary to prevent sex offenses and protect victims because they can be effectively used for the immediate reporting of sex crimes and the follow-up management of those found guilty of sex crimes against children and juveniles.

Considering that more than 10 years have passed since such policies were first implemented, now is the right time to review the effectiveness of the systems in protecting child and juvenile victims. There is now growing need to look for ways to improve the systems by identifying issues in system operation.

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Against this backdrop, this study is designed to review the operation of the systems and to present ways to increase their effectiveness from the perspectives of sex crime victims.

To this end, the legal rationale, operation, and effectiveness of such punishment policies, as well as related international cases, are studied, identifying legal issues in improving such systems and coming up with ways to enhance system operation. At the same time, this paper recommends the establishment and promotion of policies to prevent sex crimes against children and juveniles in the context of community protection.

Literature reviews, foreign legislation research, surveys, and in-depth interviews were used for this research project.