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The Effectiveness of Enforcement of Prison Sentences in Various Types of Prisons

The doctoral dissertation „*Skuteczność wykonywania kary pozbawienia wolności w różnych typach zakładów karnych*” (“*The Effectiveness of Enforcement of Prison Sentences in Various Types of Prisons*”) touches on the issue of the effectiveness of enforcement of prison sentences in relation to the typology of penitentiary facilities. The paper is divided into six chapters, opens with an introduction and concludes with a summary. In the ***Introduction*** the author takes the reader through the matters that will be discussed in the following chapters.

Chapter I. Wykonywanie kary pozbawienia wolności – w przeszłości (Enforcement of Prison Sentences – in the Past), divided into two sections, outlines selected and, in the author's opinion, key historical events and the evolution of prison sentence enforcement.

In ***Chapter II. Międzynarodowe standardy wykonywania kary pozbawienia wolności (Cross-national Comparison of Enforcement of Prison Sentences)*** the author presents selected and, in her opinion, the most significant international documents that serve for comparative purposes and outline the appropriate course of action when it comes to prison sentence enforcement. Selected current recommendations and international acts concerning custodial sentencing and enforcement of prison sentences are also presented and discussed in order to emphasise certain aspects of this punishment.

Chapter III Wykonywanie kary pozbawienia wolności w Kodeksie karnym wykonawczym z 1997 r. (Execution of imprisonment in the Executive Penal Code of 1997) is divided into six subchapters. It describes in detail how

imprisonment is currently carried out. In Chapter III. the author describes the current state of affairs, i.e. how custodial sentences are enforced under the current laws and regulations. One manifestation of individualisation of prison sentence enforcement is the typology of prisons, as well as the prison sentence enforcement regimes.

Chapter IV. Typy zakładów karnych w polskim systemie penitencjarnym (Types of Prisons in the Polish Penitentiary System), divided into 4 sections. All this to invite the reader to look from the author's perspective at the statistical data compiled in the next chapter, i.e.

Chapter V. Populacja skazanych odbywających karę pozbawienia wolności w różnych typach zakładów karnych i systemach wykonywania kary pozbawienia wolności w latach 2002 – 2022 (Population of convicts serving prison sentences in various types of prisons and systems of executing imprisonment in the years 2002 – 2022) describes the population of convicts over the given years in penitentiary statistics. The statistical data collected and compiled by the author are indicative of significant problems concerning prison sentence enforcement.

Chapter VI. Uwarunkowania powrotu do przestępstwa recydywistów penitencjarnych w świetle badań empirycznych (The conditions for the return to crime of penitentiary recidivists in the light of empirical research) are described by the purpose and subject of the research, the research group and, above all, the results of the research conducted by the author. The author analyzes the results and presents her conclusions.

The paper concludes with the ***Summary and final conclusions***. There, the author answers the questions posed in the *Introduction* and indicates what she finds to be the “sins” of the existing penitentiary system and identifies their origins. The author also undertakes to assess the effectiveness of prison sentence enforcement using a set of statistical data relevant to the particular types of prisons. The paper

also presents the potential of the typology of prisons, as well as the author's proposals how to solve certain problems she has identified and diagnosed.

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