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CURRENT ISSUES OF REFORMING THE INSTITUTION OF VISITS FOR CONVICTED AND IMPRISONED WHO ARE KEPT IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE STATE PENITENTIARY SERVICE OF UKRAINE

The activities of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine, statistics and other empirical researches show that the problem of prisoners' social relationships remains almost unsolved and needs a scientific research in terms of international standards in the field of human rights, and in terms of international penitentiary experience in this sphere.

The article is an attempt to determine the state of implementation of national legislation regarding the regulations of visits of prisoners.

The author of the article concluded that national criminal and executive legislation of Ukraine, supporting the view of international standards in the field of the protection of prisoners' rights, pays great attention to the institute of provid-

ing visits for convicted prisoners. However, there is an urgent need to reform these branches taking into account the requirements of international standards on the prisoners' rights and leading international penitentiary experience of developed countries in Europe. As follows it should be considered whether there is a need to increase the number of short-term visits for prisoners in penal institutions. It is necessary to consider the other countries' experience as to reducing the number of visits provided for the inmates as a result of their bad behavior. It is also necessary to provide persons who are kept in custody with rights to short-term visits, and the person who conducts criminal investigation with rights to restrict it.