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## **ADMINISTRATIVE LIABILITY OF PARENTS OR PERSONS SUBSTITUTING THEM FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN**

This article deals with the study of issues concerning features of bringing parents or persons substituting them to administrative liability for homeless children, which was a result of their illegal actions. The author researches the composition of the administrative offense and describes all its elements as a necessary condition for incurrence of liability of parents or persons substituting them for homeless children.

The study determines that the unlawful behavior of parents or persons substituting them is manifested in certain actions, namely in provoking their children's negative anti-social behavior or failure to perform their obligations in relation to the children and failure to create appropriate conditions for their stay.

The result of this illegal activity of parents or persons substituting them is the permanent lack of decent housing for children. For evaluation of this offence it is important to determine a causal link between actions of parents or persons substituting them, and the consequences manifested in a lack of the perma-

nent place of residence for children as an attribute of the objective part of the administrative offense.

Subjects of illegal acts that led to homelessness may be: the minor's father and mother, adoptive parents, guardians and trustees, foster carers.

Wrongful acts which led to the abandonment of children can also be committed by both parents and persons substituting them. In this case, it is necessary to talk about a kind of complicity in the commitment of illegal acts.

Evasion of the duty to maintain the child and leaving him/her on the street as well as the negative influence on him/her or severe child abuse are usually committed in the form of direct or indirect intent.

As a result the author suggested amending the Code of Ukraine on Administrative Offenses with certain rules, which provide for appropriate sanctions in the form of a fine or community service for intentionally actions of parents or persons substituting them that caused homeless children.

