

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3527

By: Virgin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to parole; providing parole eligibility for prisoners under certain circumstances; directing the Pardon and Parole Board to consider certain factors during parole hearings; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 332.22 of Title 57, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Unless subject to earlier parole eligibility, a prisoner who:

1. Was a child at the time of the offense or multiple offenses; and

2. Was tried and sentenced as an adult, shall be eligible for parole no later than his or her fifteenth year of incarceration. The Pardon and Parole Board shall ensure that the hearing to consider parole under the provisions of this subsection

1 provides a meaningful opportunity to obtain release based on  
2 demonstrated maturity and rehabilitation.

3 B. During a parole hearing involving a prisoner who was  
4 convicted and sentenced as a child, the Pardon and Parole Board  
5 shall take into consideration the diminished culpability of a child  
6 as compared to that of an adult, the hallmark features of youth, and  
7 any subsequent growth and increased maturity of the prisoner during  
8 incarceration. The Pardon and Parole Board shall also consider the  
9 following factors:

- 10 1. A review of educational and court documents;
- 11 2. Participation in available rehabilitative and educational  
12 programs while in prison;
- 13 3. Age at the time of the offense;
- 14 4. Immaturity at the time of the offense;
- 15 5. Home and community environment at the time of the offense;
- 16 6. Efforts made toward rehabilitation;
- 17 7. Evidence of remorse; and
- 18 8. Any other factors or circumstances the Pardon and Parole  
19 Board considers relevant.

20 C. As used in this section, the term "child" means a person  
21 under eighteen (18) years of age.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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