

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE  
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3053

By: Stewart

7 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

8 An Act relating to parole; creating the Oklahoma  
9 Elder Parole Eligibility Act; directing the Pardon  
10 and Parole Board to grant parole to certain inmates;  
11 providing list of qualifications; requiring the  
12 granting of parole upon verification; directing the  
13 Department of Corrections to review, certify, and  
14 provide certain documentation to the Pardon and  
15 Parole Board; prohibiting denial once certification  
16 is made; providing list of mandatory exclusions;  
17 subjecting paroled inmates to certain supervision  
18 conditions; providing for the promulgation of rules;  
19 providing for codification; and providing an  
20 effective date.

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

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

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
Elder Parole Eligibility Act".

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 332.21 of Title 57  
of the Oklahoma Statutes and pursuant to the authority to grant

1 parole under Section 332.2 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the  
2 Pardon and Parole Board shall grant parole to an inmate who meets  
3 all of the following criteria:

4 1. The person is sixty-five (65) years of age or older at the  
5 time of parole consideration;

6 2. The person is statutorily eligible for parole under Oklahoma  
7 law;

8 3. The person has incurred no Class X infraction, Class A  
9 infraction, or equivalent serious disciplinary infractions within  
10 the preceding thirty-six (36) months;

11 4. The person has successfully completed all required programs,  
12 treatment courses, educational programs, or vocational programs  
13 required by the Department of Corrections or its substantial  
14 equivalent, as determined by the Department;

15 5. The person has maintained continuous compliance with  
16 institutional rules and regulations; and

17 6. The person does not fall within an exclusion provided for in  
18 subsection E of this section.

19 Upon verification by the Department of Corrections that all  
20 criteria have been met, parole shall be granted by the Pardon and  
21 Parole Board without discretionary denial, subject only to standard  
22 conditions of parole supervision.

23 C. The Department of Corrections shall:  
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1 1. Automatically review inmates who are sixty-five (65) years  
2 of age or older for eligibility under the provisions of this  
3 section;

4 2. Certify in writing to the Pardon and Parole Board that the  
5 inmate meets the criteria set forth in subsection B of this section;  
6 and

7 3. Provide documentation to the Pardon and Parole Board of  
8 disciplinary history, program completion, and age verification.

9 D. The Pardon and Parole Board shall not deny parole once  
10 certification by the Department of Corrections is completed and  
11 submitted to the Board as provided for in subsection C of this  
12 section.

13 E. The mandatory parole provisions provided for in this section  
14 shall not apply to the following:

15 1. Inmates serving sentences of life without parole;

16 2. Inmates convicted of offenses for which parole is expressly  
17 prohibited by statute;

18 3. Inmates who present a documented and articulable threat of  
19 imminent physical harm to others supported by clear and convincing  
20 evidence which shall include a verified medical or psychological  
21 finding of dangerousness within the previous twelve (12) months; and

22 4. Criminal offenses listed in Section 13.1 of Title 21 of the  
23 Oklahoma Statutes, any criminal offenses requiring registration as a  
24 sex offender pursuant to the Sex Offenders Registration Act, or any

1 criminal offenses listed in Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes.

3 F. Inmates paroled under the provisions of this section shall  
4 be subject to the following:

- 5 1. Standard parole supervision conditions;
- 6 2. Age appropriate supervision requirements;
- 7 3. Medical or treatment continuation plans, where applicable;

8 and

9 4. Any reentry or transitional services deemed necessary by the  
10 Department of Corrections or Pardon and Parole Board.

11 G. The Department of Corrections and the Pardon and Parole  
12 Board shall promulgate necessary rules to implement the provisions  
13 of this section; provided, however, such rules shall not impose  
14 additional eligibility barriers beyond those established in the  
15 provisions of this section.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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