

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3053

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to parole; creating the Oklahoma Elder Parole Eligibility Act; directing the Pardon and Parole Board to grant parole to certain inmates; providing list of qualifications; requiring the granting of parole upon verification; directing the Department of Corrections to review, certify, and provide certain documentation to the Pardon and Parole Board; prohibiting denial once certification is made; providing list of mandatory exclusions; making denials subject to judicial review; subjecting paroled inmates to certain supervision conditions; providing for the promulgation of rules; 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. 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 parole under Section 332.2 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the

1 Pardon and Parole Board shall grant parole to an inmate who meets
2 all of the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 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; and

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.

22 Any denial of mandatory parole under the provisions of this
23 subsection shall be reduced to writing and subject to judicial
24 review.

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

3 1. Standard parole supervision conditions;

4 2. Age appropriate supervision requirements;

5 3. Medical or treatment continuation plans, where applicable;

6 and

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

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

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

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