An Act relating to prisons and reformatories; amending 57 O.S. 2011, Sections 332.1A and 332.1B, which relate to training and qualifications of the Pardon and Parole Board; directing members of the Board to complete annual training; providing training curriculum topics; changing eligibility qualifications for Board members; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.1A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 332.1A A. Each member of the Pardon and Parole Board shall receive at least twelve (12) hours of training for the first year and six (6) hours of training per year thereafter on matters relating to the duties of the Board. The training shall be provided...
by personnel of the Pardon and Parole Board according to guidelines adopted by the Board.

B. Each member of the Pardon and Parole Board shall complete annual training based on guidance from organizations that provide training and technical assistance related to the probation and parole process. Annual training curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, identifying, understanding and targeting criminogenic needs, the principles of effective intervention, core correctional practices and how to support and encourage offender behavior change.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 332.1B, is amended to read as follows:

Section 332.1B A. To be eligible for appointment as a Pardon and Parole Board member, a person shall possess at least one of the following minimum qualifications:

1. A bachelor’s degree in the social sciences from an accredited college or university and have at least five (5) years of experience in one or more of the following fields:

   1. Criminal justice field;
   2. A master’s degree and four (4) years of experience in the criminal justice field, or
   3. A juris doctorate and three (3) years of experience in the criminal justice field

   4. Probation;
   5. Corrections;
5. Criminal law;
6. Law enforcement;
7. Mental health services;
8. Substance abuse services; or
9. Social work.

B. At least two members of the Pardon and Parole Board shall have five (5) years of training or experience in mental health services, substance abuse services or social work.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 04/12/2018 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.