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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the cumulative grade  
point average admission requirement for graduate-level teacher and  
educational leader programs

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 210-a of the education law, as added by section 1  
2 of subpart B of part EE of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4     S 210-a. Admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educa-  
5 tional leader programs. Each institution registered by the department  
6 with graduate-level teacher and leader education programs shall adopt  
7 rigorous selection criteria geared to predicting a candidate's academic  
8 success in its program, including but not limited to, a minimum score on  
9 the graduate record examination or a substantially equivalent admission  
10 examination, as determined by the institution, and achievement of a  
11 MINIMUM cumulative grade point average [of 3.0 or higher] in the candi-  
12 date's undergraduate program. Each program may exempt no more than  
13 fifteen percent of any incoming class of students from such selection  
14 criteria set forth in this section based on a student's demonstration of  
15 potential to positively contribute to the teaching profession or other  
16 extenuating circumstances pursuant to the regulations of the commission-  
17 er. A program shall report to the department the number of students  
18 admitted pursuant to such exemption and the selection criteria used for  
19 such exemptions.  
20     S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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