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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Glick) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educational leader programs for certified teachers already holding a graduate degree

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

Section 1. Section 210-a of the education law, as added by section 1 of subpart B of part EE of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

S 210-a. Admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educational leader programs. Each institution registered by the department with graduate-level teacher and leader education programs shall adopt rigorous selection criteria geared to predicting a candidate's academic success in its program, including but not limited to, a minimum score on the graduate record examination or a substantially equivalent admission examination, as determined by the institution, and achievement of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the candidate's undergraduate program, *SUCH GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION OR SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT ADMISSION EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT SHALL IN NO CASE APPLY TO CERTIFIED TEACHERS WHO ALREADY HOLD A GRADUATE DEGREE.* Each program may exempt no more than fifteen percent of any incoming class of students from such selection criteria set forth in this section based on a student's demonstration of potential to positively contribute to the teaching profession or other extenuating circumstances pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner. A program shall report to the department the number of students admitted pursuant to such exemption and the selection criteria used for such exemptions.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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