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Introduced by Sens. LAVALLE, BOYLE, GALLIVAN, LATIMER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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:

§ 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**; provided, however, such graduate record examination or substantially equivalent admission examination requirement shall in no case apply to certified teachers or school administrators 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.

§ 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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