

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 6, 2020

Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to public higher education admissions and standardized testing

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 340-a
2 to read as follows:

3 § 340-a. Public higher education admissions and standardized testing.

4 1. For all public institutions of higher education, except such insti-
5 tutions that are considered statutory colleges under this chapter:

6 (a) The use of current standardized test requirements for undergradu-
7 ate admissions of New York resident applicants shall be suspended until
8 the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six academic year.

9 (b) For enrollment decisions for New York state resident applicants
10 for the two thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two and two thou-
11 sand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three academic years, shall have
12 the option to use the scholastic aptitude test and ACT assessment test
13 scores in selection consideration if students choose to submit them.

14 (c) For enrollment decisions for New York state resident applicants
15 for the two thousand twenty-three--two thousand twenty-four and two
16 thousand twenty-four--two thousand twenty-five academic years, shall not
17 consider standardized test scores for admissions selection and shall
18 practice test-blind admissions selection for New York state resident
19 applicants.

20 2. (a) The board of trustees of the state university of New York and
21 the board of trustees for the city university of New York shall each
22 identify and create a new test that aligns with the content the respec-
23 tive institutions expect students should have mastered to demonstrate
24 college readiness for students entering such institutions.

25 (b) If the board of trustees of the state university of New York and
26 the board of trustees for the city university of New York are unable to
27 either modify or create a test that meets these criteria and can be
28 available for applicants for the two thousand twenty-five--two thousand

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

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1 twenty-six academic year, the respective institutions shall eliminate
2 altogether the use of the scholastic aptitude test and ACT assessment
3 for admissions selection for New York state resident applicants.

4 (c) The board of trustees of the state university of New York and the
5 board of trustees for the city university of New York shall consult with
6 kindergarten through twelfth grade educators, test experts, institutions
7 within the respective systems and faculty of those institutions to eval-
8 uate how best to construct a test better suited for the needs of the
9 systems.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.