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Introduced by M. of A. GLICK -- read once and referred to the Committee
  on 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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

 1   Section 1. Section 210-a of the education law, as amended by chapter
 2 454 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:
 3   § 210-a. Admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educa-
 4 tional leader programs. Each institution registered by the department
 5 with graduate-level teacher and leader education programs shall adopt
 6 rigorous selection criteria geared to predicting a candidate's academic
 7 success in its program, including but not limited to, a minimum score on
 8 the graduate record examination or a substantially equivalent admission
 9 examination, as determined by the institution, and achievement of a
10 **minimum** cumulative grade point average [~~of 3.0 or higher~~] in the candi-
11 date's undergraduate program; provided, however, such graduate record
12 examination or substantially equivalent admission examination require-
13 ment shall in no case apply to certified teachers or school administra-
14 tors who already hold a graduate degree. Each program may exempt no more
15 than fifteen percent of any incoming class of students from such
16 selection criteria set forth in this section based on a student's demon-
17 stration of potential to positively contribute to the teaching profes-
18 sion or other extenuating circumstances pursuant to the regulations of
19 the commissioner. A program shall report to the department the number of
20 students admitted pursuant to such exemption and the selection criteria
21 used for such exemptions.
22   § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
23 have become a law.

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