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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:

Section 1. Section 210-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 454 of the laws of 2017, 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 **minimum** 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 on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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