

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 10, 2021

Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to SUNY admission requirements 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~~  
8 ~~on the graduate record examination or a substantially equivalent admis-~~  
9 ~~sion examination, as determined by the institution, and~~] achievement of  
10 a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the candidate's  
11 undergraduate program[~~, provided, however, such graduate record examina-~~  
12 ~~tion or substantially equivalent admission examination requirement shall~~  
13 ~~in no case apply to certified teachers or school administrators who~~  
14 ~~already hold a graduate degree~~]. Each program may exempt no more than  
15 fifteen percent of any incoming class of students from such selection  
16 criteria set forth in this section based on a student's demonstration of  
17 potential to positively contribute to the teaching profession or other  
18 extenuating circumstances pursuant to the regulations of the commission-  
19 er. A program shall report to the department the number of students  
20 admitted pursuant to such exemption and the selection criteria used for  
21 such exemptions.

22 § 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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