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Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

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 institutions that are considered statutory colleges under this chapter:

5 (a) The use of current standardized test requirements for undergraduate admissions of New York resident applicants shall be suspended until  
6 the two thousand thirty--two thousand thirty-one academic year.

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

12 (c) For enrollment decisions for New York state resident applicants  
13 for the two thousand twenty-eight--two thousand twenty-nine and two  
14 thousand twenty-nine--two thousand thirty academic years, shall not  
15 consider standardized test scores for admissions selection and shall  
16 practice test-blind admissions selection for New York state resident  
17 applicants.

18 2. (a) The board of trustees of the state university of New York and  
19 the board of trustees for the city university of New York shall each  
20 identify and create a new test that aligns with the content the respec-  
21 tive institutions expect students should have mastered to demonstrate  
22 college readiness for students entering such institutions.  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (b) If the board of trustees of the state university of New York and  
2 the board of trustees for the city university of New York are unable to  
3 either modify or create a test that meets these criteria and can be  
4 available for applicants for the two thousand thirty--two thousand thir-  
5 ty-one academic year, the respective institutions shall eliminate alto-  
6 gether the use of the scholastic aptitude test and ACT assessment for  
7 admissions selection for New York state resident applicants.

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

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.