



## **URGENT ACTION NEEDED ON TEACHER ED BILL!**

Please call your local state senators and Assembly members and **urge them to co-sponsor proposed bills to amend the legislation that requires a 3.0 GPA for admission to graduate teacher education and school leader programs.**

See text of both bills below.

You're likely to get a staff person when you call, so be sure to identify the bill number for each respective house and summarize as follows:

**Relates to admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educational leader programs**

Senate bill **S08776**

Assembly bill **A10952**

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STATE OF NEW YORK

8776

IN SENATE

May 16, 2018

Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- 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 admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educational leader programs

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

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chapter  
2 454 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:  
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educa-  
4 tional leader programs. Each institution registered by the  
department  
5 with graduate-level teacher and leader education programs shall  
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academic  
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on  
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admission  
9 examination, as determined by the institution, and achievement  
of a  
10 cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the  
candidate's  
11 undergraduate program or deemed qualified by teacher education  
and  
12 educational leader faculty to satisfy alternative criteria,  
including,  
13 but not limited to, the following: 3.0 grade point average in the  
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14 or in the last two years of college or in a graduate degree program  
or  
15 graduate-level courses taken before matriculation into a  
graduate  
16 program; or, strength of letters of recommendations from qualified  
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17 viduals, number of languages spoken, strength of a personal  
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18 and quality of a writing sample; provided, however, such graduate  
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20 ment shall in no case apply to certified teachers or school  
administra-  
21 tors who already hold a graduate degree. Each program may exempt no  
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22 than fifteen percent of any incoming class of students from  
such  
23 selection criteria set forth in this section based on a student's  
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24 stration of potential to positively contribute to the teaching  
profes-  
25 sion or other extenuating circumstances pursuant to the regulations  
of  
26 the commissioner. A program shall report to the department the number  
of  
27 students admitted pursuant to such exemption and the selection  
criteria  
28 used for such exemptions.  
29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

## STATE OF NEW YORK

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10952

### IN ASSEMBLY

May 29, 2018

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