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LEGISLATIVE BILL 508

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to teachers; to provide minimum requirements
- 2 for acceptance to teacher education programs as prescribed; and to
- 3 provide for rules and regulations.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. In order to be approved by the State Board of Education
2 through the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 79-318 on and
3 after January 1, 2019, a teacher education program shall have the
4 following minimum entry requirements for applicants:

5 (1) A grade-point average of not less than 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or a
6 grade-point average in the top fiftieth percentile for coursework
7 completed during the most recent two years of the applicant's education,
8 whether secondary or postsecondary; and

9 (2) Demonstrated mastery of general knowledge, including the ability
10 to read, write, and compute, by achieving a minimum score determined by
11 the State Board of Education on a standardized test normed to the general
12 college-bound population and approved by the state board, including, but
13 not limited to, the Praxis Series tests administered by the Educational
14 Testing Service, the SAT published by the College Board and administered
15 by the Educational Testing Service, or the ACT college readiness
16 assessment administered by ACT, or an equivalent test approved by the
17 commissioner.

18 The state board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
19 carry out this section.