



ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs
**YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
Legislative Bill**

Bill # 18

Referred to Committee:
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Action on the Bill

Assembly

Senate

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AN ACT TO: Replace Regents Exams with Growth Tests as Graduation Requirements

**The People of the State of New York, represented
in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

Purpose

We initiate this bill as a way to allow students to show they have the skills needed to graduate high school without using Regents' exams as the sole deciding factor.

Summary of Provisions

Section 1:

New York State will replace regents with growth exams as graduation requirements.

Justification

Regent's exams only test on specific concepts, but a growth test, shows how much a student has learned over years and how prepared they may be for college or the work force. Why test them on something that can easily be looked up or forgotten over time? In the real-world world employers are not going to test you on random facts, they are just going to have you do your job. It also does not show any long-term knowledge of the subject. If we needed to find something out, we could look it up on Google. It only shows the teachers what the students learned in their specific class. In reality, Regent's exams seem to be a test for the teacher more than a student. Replacing Regents with growth tests in reading, writing, and mathematics it could be a lot easier for schools to have more money and students to have more excitement for school.

Fiscal Implications

Cutting regents would save about \$7.6 million. If we replace them with growth tests it would be a lot cheaper for the state. This would make it easier for schools to have more money for activities.

Effective Date

This bill will come in affect September 1, 2018 so the government can embrace the bill.