

California may lower State Bar requirements

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The State Bar of California moved forward last week with a proposal to lower the passing score of the bar exam by three points – a change that could increase the rate of passing by about eight percentage points.

The State Bar made the proposal open for a public comment period until Aug. 25, with the goal of finalizing a recommendation in September.

Just 43 percent of test-takers passed the July 2016 California bar exam, fewer than any other state and the lowest figure for California in more than three decades.

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