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Written Testimony to House Education Budget Committee  
Honorable Chair, Representative Adam Thomas  
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**Proponent House Bill 2081** – Creating the aspiring future teacher of the year scholarship program.  
Hearing: Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 1:30 PM Room 218-N

Honorable Chairman Thomas and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent, written testimony regarding HB 2081 – aspiring future teacher of the year scholarship. The bill is in alignment with [Kansas PTA Legislative Standing Position](#): Supporting Educators. Kansas PTA supports efforts to attract and keep educators, including state funding for teacher mentoring, professional development and other evidenced-based programs and policies that promote quality instruction.

As noted in the bill's [fiscal note](#), the program “would create a scholarship program that would be managed by the State Board of Education for qualified students in a public or private postsecondary educational institution. The scholarship recipient would be required to be accepted for admission or enrolled in a course of instruction leading to a teaching license. Within authorized appropriations, the bill would require eight scholarships to be awarded annually in the amount of \$2,500 per semester. The scholarship could be renewed for any student who remains qualified.”

On behalf of the parents, teachers, and patrons of the Kansas PTA, we encourage committee members to pass out HB 2081 favorably. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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