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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Thomas
Members of the House Committee on Education

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 15, 2023

Subject: HB 2081 – Aspiring Future Teacher of the Year Scholarship Program Act.

House Bill No. 2081 (HB 2081) would create the Aspiring Future Teacher of the Year Scholarship Program Act (Act). The Act would provide 8 scholarships of \$2,500 per semester to qualified students. A “qualified student” is defined by the bill as a resident of Kansas who is admitted to or enrolled in a college or university in a course of instruction leading to licensure as a teacher. As a condition of receiving a scholarship under the Act, each student must enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Education with the following requirements for the student:

- Complete the required course of instruction;
- Obtain the necessary teaching licensure;
- Engage in the teaching profession at a Kansas public school and teach for at least two years;
- Provide the necessary information to the Commissioner to show compliance with the agreement.

HB 2081 also appropriates \$160,000 to the State Department of Education for each of the next five fiscal years to fund the scholarship program.

If enacted, HB 2081 would become effective on July 1, 2023.