



## **Overview of HB 4294**

### **Diverts instructional materials funding to purchase technology**

- HB 4294 allows state allocated textbook funds to be used to purchase technological equipment.
- The state textbook fund is designed to deliver instructional content, both in print and electronic formats. In many cases, content is already delivered by publishers in both print and electronic formats, which enables school districts to make flexible and informed choices on classroom implementation.
- Technology is changing the way students learn today, but that doesn't mean we should replace content with technology.

### **Does not require new equipment be tied to content standards, learning goals or objectives**

- State textbook funds should only be used for state approved curriculum in whatever format it is delivered.
- HB 4294 encourages schools to use materials that do not cover all the state's curriculum.

### **Technology money is tied to credits**

- Idea of "spend less on print instructional materials so you can spend more on electronic hardware."
- Encourages money to be spent on laptops and computer hardware, rather than content for teachers and their students.

### **Not all school districts are technologically equipped**

- Cost of maintenance, training and new infrastructure gets dumped on local taxpayers.