

Overview of CSHB4

Redefine Textbook in the Education Code

- Replaces "textbook" with "**instructional materials**" throughout the education code.

Grant Review

- Requires agency review of state and federally funded grant programs to **determine the full extent to which those programs may be used to enhance or expand technology** in public schools.

State Approval List

- Eliminates the current textbook adoption cycle and replaces it with an **ongoing approval list**. Vendors/publishers may submit any instructional material for the approval list at any time. Their submission must include a list of the TEKS covered.
- The agency will create a review process to **ensure that the TEKS list provided is accurate**.
- The SBOE will meet quarterly to approve materials.
- The Department of Information Resources will have the ability to negotiate contracts with publishers and issue blanket purchase orders.
- TEA and DIR will enter into interagency contract specifying the duties of each agency.
- Publishers will be allowed to offer instructional materials to schools on an **annual subscription basis**.
- Districts must certify annually that the school provides each student with TEKS-aligned instructional materials for the required curriculum.

Advisory Committee

- Creates an advisory committee in conjunction with the legislature to assist the agency and monitor changing technology in business, industry, and education.
- The committee will be subject to Open Records and the Open Meetings Act.

Allotment

- For 2005-06 year, the technology allotment is increased from \$30 per ADA to **\$70 per ADA**. The commissioner is authorized to withhold \$40 per ADA for grant program.
- Adds instructional materials as an item that can be purchased with the allotment.
- For 2006-07 year, allotment is increased from \$70 per ADA to **\$150 per ADA**. The commissioner is authorized to withhold \$60 for grant program.

Technology Grants

- Creates a grant program to **promote the use of technology**. Qualifying campuses will receive \$300 per enrolled student.
- Qualifications include: meeting the goals of the long-range plan for technology and committing \$50 per ADA of local money toward the purposes of the grant.
- Grant must be used only to provide for the purchase of technology items, provide professional development, acquire infrastructure.
- Grants must be awarded in a manner that reflects the demographic and geographic diversity of this state.

Computer-Adaptive Testing Tools

- Requires the agency to develop or acquire **computer-adaptive assessment tools** for grade levels and subjects assessed by TAKS.
- Agency will make these tools **available to districts at no charge**.
- Requires the agency to provide for assessment instruments required under Section 39.023 to be designed so that they are computer-adaptive.