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MEMORANDUM

To:	Senate Committee on Education
From:	Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date:	March 3, 2026
Subject:	SB 350—Age-Appropriate School Device Act

Senate Bill 350 would enact the age-appropriate school device act to establish safety standards and requirements for the use of school-issued devices in certain grade levels and authorize parents to opt students out of certain uses of such devices.

Section 1 of SB 350 would require each board of education of a school district to implement tiered introduction to digital devices in schools. Specifically, the bill would require:

- For grades kindergarten through five
  - No student use any digital device in the classroom;
  - All instruction be print-based and hands-on; and
  - All tests and assessments, including standardized and statewide assessments, be conducted using printed materials.
- For grades six through eight:
  - Students may use shared digital devices;
  - No school may individually issue individual digital devices;
  - School digital devices be set up or programmed to restrict access to any non-instructional content, including social media platforms and shared video or media platforms;
  - Only physical textbooks may be used (no online or digital textbooks);
  - The total amount of time a student spends on a digital device during normal school hours does not exceed one hour per school day;

  - Student use of a digital device during school hours be only for instructional purposes;
  - School digital devices remain on the school premises; and
  - The school provides age-appropriate media literacy instruction to all students, including instruction on health-related harms of excess digital device use.
- For grades nine through 12:
  - The school may issue digital devices to students for instructional purposes;
  - The total amount of time a student spends on a digital device during normal school hours does not exceed one hour and 30 minutes per school day;
  - Student use of a digital device during school hours be only for instructional purposes;
  - Any assignment or homework that requires the use of a school-issued digital device outside of normal school hours does not require a student to use the device for more than one hour per day to complete such assignment or homework;
  - Online or digital textbooks may be used if there are no other alternative options; and
  - The school provides age-appropriate media literacy instruction to all students, including instruction on health-related harms of excess digital device use.

Section 2 of SB 350 would require that the school ensure that certain digital device set-up and safety standards are implemented for any device issued to students in grades nine through 12 prior to issuance. The digital device set-up and safety standards would be required to:

- Enable screen-time settings that allow tracking and support healthy screen-time practices;
- Disable the camera;
- Block access to social media platforms; and
- Require privacy and safety settings to be at the highest level available on the device.

The school would ensure that personal information on a school-issued digital device be deleted prior to any subsequent issuance of the device.

Section 3 would require any school that plans to issue a digital device to students in grades nine through 12 to accept and comply with a written request from a parent or person acting as parent to opt their student out of any of the following:

- Issuance of a digital device to the student;
- Requirements that the student take a digital device home or away from the school premises; and
- Use of a digital device for standardized testing or assessments.

Section 4 would provide an exception to the requirements of the act by authorizing the use of a digital device for any student if the use of such device is required by the student's individualized education program (IEP) or 504 plan or approved by certain licensed healthcare professionals as a medical necessity to support the health or well-being of the student.

SB 350 would take effect on July 1, 2026, upon publication in the statute book.