Talking points for urging Co-sponsor Support for SB 1018 and companion HB899.

* SB 864 (FS. 1006.283) was the K-12 Curriculum Bill signed into law by Governor Scott in July of 2014.

* Its purpose was to:
  - Assign each school board the constitutional responsibility to select and provide adequate instructional materials.
  - Require each district to create a transparent review policy/process allowing parents to review instructional materials and raise objections if the material was not accurate or was objectionable.
  - Allow School districts to implement their own selection and purchase programs as an alternative to buying from the State approved lists.

* It contained numerous loop holes that result in many School Districts ignoring the law. This bill fixes the loopholes:
  - Requires each school shall implement a transparent Policy/Process whether they buy off the State list or create their individual purchase program.
  - Tightens the definition of instructional materials.
  - Gives each District School Board greater flexibility to purchase instructional materials that meet or exceed current Florida Standards.
  - Expands a parent’s right to object to include the rights of all taxpayers and provides legal remedy for parents and taxpayers for the adoption of and use of objectionable materials.