**An Act To Provide Textbook Cost Assistance for High School Students Enrolled in Early College Courses**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec.** **1. 20-A MRSA §4777** is enacted to read:

**§****4777.** **Textbook Cost Assistance Fund**

The Textbook Cost Assistance Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department to be used by the department as a nonlapsing fund to provide textbook cost assistance to secondary students enrolled in postsecondary courses. The department shall adopt routine technical rules as described in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A governing the use of the fund.

**SUMMARY**

This bill establishes the Textbook Cost Assistance Fund in the Department of Education to be used by the department to provide textbook cost assistance to secondary students enrolled in postsecondary courses.