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Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Vendor's fee. The State Purchasing Agent may collect a fee in an amount equal to 1% of the bid from a supplier of apparel, footwear or textiles with a winning bid under this section. The State Purchasing Agent shall apply the fee under this subsection to the costs of implementing and administering the state purchasing code of conduct under section 1825-L, including developing a consortium to monitor and investigate alleged violations of the code of conduct. The State Purchasing Agent shall adopt routine technical rules under chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1825-B, sub-§13 is enacted to read:

13. Vendor's fee report. By January 15th of each year the Director of the Bureau of General Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters concerning revenue generated by the vendor's fee established in subsection 12.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 4 the following:

‘Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: Allocates funds to implement, administer and enforce the state purchasing code of conduct including developing a consortium to monitor and investigate alleged violations.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,000	\$4,000

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

The bill contained a provision requiring apparel, footwear and textile suppliers to pay a 1% vendor's fee. This amendment amends that provision to allow the State Purchasing Agent to charge a 1% vendor's fee to reflect the fact that the consortium to monitor and investigate alleged violations of the state purchasing code of conduct is not yet operational. Rules to be adopted by the State Purchasing Agent with respect to the fee are changed from major substantive to routine technical. The amendment also requires the Director of the Bureau of General Services to submit an annual report on the revenue generated by the vendor's fee to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)