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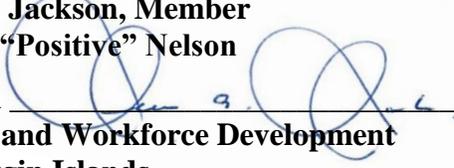
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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Kurt Vialet, Vice-Chairman
The Honorable Justin Harrigan, Sr., Member
The Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens, Member
The Honorable Tregenza A. Roach, Member
The Honorable Myron D. Jackson, Member
The Honorable Terrence "Positive" Nelson

From: Jean A. Forde, Chairman 
Committee on Education and Workforce Development
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Date: February 22, 2016

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Please be advised that the Senate Committee on Education and Workforce Development will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 4, 2016 in the Frits Lawaetz Legislative Conference Rom on St. Croix to hear the following items:

1. Bill No. 31-0279— An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 relating to providing grief and stress counseling to school counselors (*Proposed by Senator Marvin Blyden*)

INVITED TESTIFIERS

- The Honorable Sharon McCollum, Ph.D., Commissioner, Department of Education
 - The Honorable Mary Moorhead, Acting Chairwoman, Virgin Islands Board of Education
 - Ms. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Insular Superintendent-STT/STJ, Department of Education
 - Ms. Colleen Williams, Insular Superintendent-STX, Department of Education
 - Dr. Nicollette Howells, Ph.D., Psychologist, Insight Psychological Services
2. An update from the Virgin Islands Department of Labor regarding the status of its programs and activities, including:
 - Current Labor Market Conditions (in the public and private sectors), and the outlook for the remainder of 2016;

- The status of unemployment and workers' compensation premiums and benefit payments;
- The status of the department's programs that enforce V.I. statutes protecting resident workers, particularly the Division of Labor Relations;
- The department's preparations (pending enactment of Bill No. 31-0236) to inform employers and the public about the changes in the minimum wage in the territory;
- The status of labor force training programs conducted within or in conjunction with the Department of Labor; and
- The status of the department's efforts to re-establish apprenticeship programs in the territory.

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- The Honorable Catherine Hendry, Commissioner, Department of Labor

*cc: All Senators
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