

BILL NO. 31-0320

Thirty-first Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 24, 2016

An Act amending Act No. 7758 to make additional appropriations from the General Fund to the Bureau of Corrections, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Division of Personnel, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Virgin Islands Fire Service, Department of Human Services, Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs, and the Virgin Islands Police Department for the fiscal year October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016; to authorize the use of monies from the JROTC Fund for the JROTC program at the St. Croix Educational Complex; to authorize the use of monies from the Education Initiative Fund for literacy and Mathematics K-3 Intervention Program; and to appropriate funding to the Taxicab Commission for operating costs and for the implementation of mandatory continuing education for taxi and tour operators as a condition for license renewal, for fiscal year October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016

PROPOSED BY: Senator Neville A. James by Request of the Governor

1 **WHEREAS**, in order to implement salary increases, additional appropriations are required
2 from the General Fund to the following departments: Bureau of Corrections-\$2,469,363, Bureau
3 of Internal Revenue-\$2,238,353, Division of Personnel-\$575,077, Office of the Lieutenant
4 Governor-\$1,131,353, Virgin Islands Fire Service-\$1,214,032, Department of Education-
5 \$5,585,081, Department of Human Services-\$3,526,739, Department of Licensing and Consumer
6 Affairs-\$275,860, and the Virgin Islands Police Department-\$2,176,283 in the aggregate amount
7 of \$19,219,141; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Education is experiencing a significant number of
 2 vacancies in critical school in based positions and must rely extensively on substitute teachers for
 3 which additional funding in the sum of \$,600,000.00 is needed; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the School Food Authority requires an additional \$2,230,000.00 funding to
 5 cover the cost increases in the Department of Education’s school lunch program due to changes
 6 on federal regulations and to offset increased shipping and food cost; and

7 **WHEREAS**, an additional \$300,000.00 is needed for supplies; and

8 **WHEREAS**, \$263,494 is needed to reimburse Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) at the
 9 U.S. Department of Agriculture for ineligible meals served without milk; and

10 **WHEREAS**, an additional \$125,000 is needed to fund the JROTC Program at the St. Croix
 11 Educational Complex; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Education is in critical need of the sum of \$600,000.00
 13 for Literacy and Mathematics intervention programs for K-3 students in the Virgin Islands Public
 14 School System in both the District of St. Croix and the District of St. Thomas/St. John; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission is in need of a subsidy in the amount
 16 of \$550,000 from the General Fund, for operating costs of the V.I. Taxicab Commission and for
 17 the implementation of mandatory continuing education for taxi and tour operators as a condition
 18 for license renewal; Now, Therefore,

19 ***Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:***

20 **SECTION 1.** Act No. 7758 is amended as follows:

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22 B ORG 150 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS		
23 PERSONNEL AND FRINGE BENEFITS	18,362,101	201831,461
24 OPERATRING EXPENSES		
25 UTILITIES		
26 TOTAL ORG 150 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS	31,858,131	34,327,494

1	E	ORG 220 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL		
2		PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	2,451,186	3,026,263
3		OPERATING EXPENSES		
4		UTILITIES		
5		TOTAL ORG 220 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL	2,975,186	3,550,263
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7	G	ORG 240 VI FIRE SERVICES		
8		PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	17,669,228	18,910,260
9		UTILITIES		
10		TOTAL ORG 240 VI FIRE SERVICES	18,157,087	19,398,119
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12	L	ORG 300 OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT		
13		GOVERNOR OPERATING EXPENSES		1,131,353
14		TOTAL ORG 300 OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT		
15		GOVERNOR	6,652,360	7,783,713
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17	M	ORG 340 INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU		
18		PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	8,041,933	10,280,286
19		OPERATING EXPENSES		
20		UTILITIES		
21		TOTAL ORG 340 INTERNAL REVENUE	10,200,000	12,438,353
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23	P	ORG 380 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND		
24		CONSUMER AFFAIRS PERSONNEL & FRINGE		
25		BENEFITS	2,432,903	2,708,763
26		OPERATING EXPENSES		
27		UTILITIES		
28		ENFORCEMENT, MANAGEMENT & OTHER		
29		CRITICAL VACANCIES		
30		TOTAL ORG DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND		
31		CONSUMER AFFARIS	3,236,003	3,511,863
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33	R	ORG 400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
34		PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	126,832,472	134,017,553

1	OPERATING EXPENSES	16,598,829	19,128,829
2	SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM WORKERS		
3	SCHOOL MAINTENANCE WORKERS		
4	SCHOOL MAINTRENANCE		
5	VACANT POSITIONS FUNDING		
6	REIMBURSEMENT TO FNS-INELIGIBLE MEALS		263,494
7	TOTAL ORG 400 DEPARTMENT OF TEDUCATION	159,959,102	169,937,677
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9	S ORG 500 VI POLICE DEPARTMENT		
10	PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	49,955,630	52,131,913
11	OPERATING EXPENSES		
12	UTILITIES		
13	TOTAL ORG 500 VI POLICE DEPARTMENT	59,942,468	62,118,751
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15	X ORG 720 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
16	PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	25,013,111	28,539,850
17	OPERATING EXPENSES		
18	UTILITIES		
19	TOTAL ORG 720 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN		
20	SERVICES	59,293,802	62,820,541

22 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding the limitation on the use of funds prescribed in Title 33
23 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3093, the sum of \$600,000.00 is appropriated in the
24 fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, from the Education Initiative Fund to the Department of
25 Education for the purpose of funding the Literacy and Mathematics K-3 Intervention Program.

26 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding the limitations on the use of funds prescribed in Title 33
27 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3078, the sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in the
28 fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, from the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Fund in
29 the Department of Education for the purpose of funding the JROTC program at the St. Croix
30 Educational Complex.

