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BILL NO. 35-0194

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

November 13, 2023

An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a) requiring the Commissioner of Education to hire a School Nurse Supervisor per district and School Health Technicians for every public school in the Territory

PROPOSED BY: Senator Kenneth L. Gittens

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111, subsection (a) is
3 amended by designating the existing language as paragraph (1) and inserting paragraphs (2)
4 and (3) to read as follows:

5 “(2) The Commissioner of Education shall employ a school nurse supervisor
6 per district. School nurse supervisors must be a registered nurse or physician
7 assistant empowered to hire and directly supervise school health technicians who
8 work under the supervision of the school nurse supervisors.

9 (3)(a) For purposes of this subsection, ‘School Health Technician means an
10 individual with a healthcare background who has the education, experience and
11 certification necessary to monitor student health and provide basic first aid and basic life
12 support.’

1 (b) The Commissioner of Education shall develop a job description and standard
2 operating procedures including telehealth for the school nurse supervisors and school
3 health technicians. The Commissioner of Health must review and approve the job
4 descriptions and standard operating procedures.”

5 **BILL SUMMARY**

6 The bill amends title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111, subsection (a) by
7 requiring the Commissioner of Education to employ school nurse supervisor in both districts.
8 School nurse supervisors must be a licensed registered nurse or physician assistant
9 empowered to hire and directly supervise school health technicians who work under the
10 supervision of the school nurse supervisors.

11 **BR23-0334/April 24, 2023/Reviewed by NS/REVISED November 8, 2023**