

BILL NO. 36-0362

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 21, 2026

An act providing an appropriation for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027

PROPOSED BY: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.,
by Request of the Governor

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$29,550,958 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands Fund for expenditure by the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027 for the purposes hereinafter named in this section in accordance with the provisions of title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 33 and 35.

(a) For salaries, including for regular and temporary employees; salary increases, employer's FICA and retirement contributions; overtime compensation of hourly rated employees; books, magazines, teaching materials and audio-visual supplies; equipment and supplies for offices, classrooms, laboratories, library, student and faculty lodging; recreational and common rooms; dormitories; repairs, improvements and maintenance of the University campus and its buildings and other appurtenances; contracted services, such as legal, architectural, auditing and printing services; and payment of other legal expenses of the

University, including principal and interest bonds and notes in accordance with title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 33 and 35.

(b) For incidental expenses including travel expense and per diem of University faculty, administrative and other employees, members of advisory councils, boards and overseers; family travel and moving expenses from other points of the Virgin Islands for new staff members; and for the expenses of such conference and workshops as may be approved by the trustees.

SECTION 2. In order to supplement the sums appropriated by this act, the board of trustees may levy such fees for tuition, housing, food services, and the use of university-owned buildings as may be reasonable and proper, devoting such fee income solely to the purposes specified in subsections (a) and (b) of section 1 of this act. The Board of Trustees shall continue to make every effort to secure gifts, grants and loans to the University of the Virgin Islands from private individuals, foundations and federal government agencies and to utilize such gifts, grants and loans for the purposes specified by the donor or lender.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$1,500,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the payment of debt service costs of the University of the Virgin Islands.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$150,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands to provide matching grants for the Small Business Development Center under title 17, Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 474.

SECTION 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of

1 \$115,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for Senior Citizens' Tuition, under title 17
2 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 475.

3 **SECTION 6.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
4 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of
5 \$20,000 to the Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning (CELL) Program for use for
6 Vocational Education Programs.

7 **SECTION 7.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
8 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of
9 \$355,901 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the University Bound Program, formerly
10 the Upward Bound Program.

11 **SECTION 8.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
12 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of
13 \$100,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the John Brewers Maintenance.

14 **SECTION 9.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
15 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of
16 \$300,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing – St.
17 Croix Campus.

18 **SECTION 10.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
19 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of
20 \$110,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for Labor Force Survey.

21 **SECTION 11.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
22 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of
23 \$250,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for EPSCOR.

SECTION 12. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$85,000 for the Office of Self Determination & Constitutional Development.

SECTION 13. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$140,000 for the UVI Simulation Center Maintenance and Supplies.

SECTION 14. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$100,000 for UVI Cell to provide training to the instructors of the Emergency Medical Services Education Program and for UVI Medical School Simulation Center to provide hands on training and continuing education credits towards a General Education degree in a related field.

SECTION 15. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$300,00 for the UVI Medical Reserve Fund.

SECTION 16. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$275,000 for the Valedictorian and Salutatorian Scholarships, under title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 476,

SECTION 17. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$450,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Hospitality and Tourism program.

SECTION 18. There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$115,000 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Summer Bridge Program.

1 **SECTION 19.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
2 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$0
3 to the University of the Virgin Islands.

4 **SECTION 20.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
5 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$0
6 for the UVI Cell Appraisers Program.

7 **SECTION 21.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
8 Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$0
9 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Virgin Islands Academic and Cultural Awards
10 Endowment.

11 **SECTION 22.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
12 Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$0
13 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center.

14 **SECTION 23.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
15 Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$0
16 to the University of the Virgin Islands for the Congressional Scholarship Program.

17 **SECTION 24.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
18 Government of the Virgin Islands for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, the sum of \$0
19 Inclusive Early Childhood Education (IECE) Program in the School of Education. IECE student
20 majors and early care and education professionals will be engaged in a variety of professional
21 development opportunities to enhance and supplement courses offered.

22 **SECTION 25.** There is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
23 Government of the Virgin Islands for fiscal year ending September 20, 2027, the sum of \$0 for
24 the Construction Mangers Program.

1	0100 GENERAL FUND	FY2027
2	900 UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	
3	TOTAL 900 UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$34,066,859
4	TOTAL 0100 GENERAL FUND	\$34,066,859

5 **BILL SUMMARY**

6 This bill appropriates \$34,066,859 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
7 Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending
8 September 30, 2027.

9 **BR26-1261/BUDGET/September 17, 2026**