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Committee on Education & Workforce Development

Thursday, March 23, 2022
10:00 AM
Earle B. Ottley Legislative Hall
St. Thomas, USVI

Meeting Agenda

The Committee will receive testimony from the Department of the Education on the following:

BLOCK I:

1. Status of the Virgin Islands State Literacy Plan including details on schools' literacy action plans, literacy coaches and literacy specialists (including bilingual reading specialists) development and implementation of culturally responsive curriculum and instruction, family literacy initiatives, extended-day, summer, or weekend family institutes related to literacy and biliteracy, partnership with the University of the Virgin Islands.
2. Safety and security of students. Schoolwide Prevention and Intervention Strategies, School-based bullying prevention programs, Cyberbullying prevention, and intervention programs; Staff Development to Prevent School Violence, Law Enforcement Partnerships; School-Based Links with Mental Health and Social Service Agencies; School, Family, and Community Involvement.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

BLOCK II:

Bill No. 35-0039, "An Act amending title 17, chapter 41 of the Virgin Islands Code, relating to Career Day, to expand Career Day into Career Week in Virgin Islands public high schools"

Proposed by Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

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[Bill No. 35-0055](#), “An Act amending title 17 of the Virgin Islands Code pertaining to school curriculum in elementary and secondary schools”

Proposed by Senator Franklin D. Johnson

Invited Testifiers:

Honorable Dr. Dionne Wells-Hedrington, Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Education

Dr. Kyza A. Callwood, Chairman, Virgin Islands Board of Education

Mario C. Moorhead, Author/Historian/Activist