# COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

## 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

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Re it enacted	d by the	Legislature o	f the Virgin Islands

- 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:

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- "(2) The Commissioner of Education shall employ a school nurse supervisor per district. School nurse supervisors must be a registered nurse or physician assistant empowered to hire and directly supervise school health technicians who work under the supervision of the school nurse supervisors.
- (3)(a) For purposes of this subsection, 'School Health Technician means an individual with a healthcare background who has the education, experience and certification necessary to monitor student health and provide basic first aid and basic life support.'

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

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#### **BILL SUMMARY**

- The bill amends title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111, subsection (a) by 6 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 supervision of the school nurse supervisors. 10
- 11 BR23-0334/April 24, 2023/Reviewed by NS/REVISED November 8, 2023