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BILL NO. 35-0055

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

March 9, 2023

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 41, subsection c is
3 amended as follows:

4 (a) Paragraph (1), as amended by Act No. 8684, is stricken and a new paragraph (1) is
5 inserted to read as follows:

6 “(1) The history of the Virgin Islands and basic Caribbean history, such courses
7 to be part of the curriculum in elementary and secondary schools.”

8 (b) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking “Family” and inserting “Drug prevention and
9 substance education, family” and after “education” by striking “and substance abuse.”

10 **BILL SUMMARY**

11 This bill repeals Act No. 8684 and reinstates the provisions of Act No. 4844 with
12 amendments. The proposed legislation still provides for Virgin Islands history and basic
13 Caribbean history to be taught in elementary and secondary schools.

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