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BILL NO. 36-0061

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 706 and chapter 28A, section 755 allowing retirees who are receiving an annuity from the Government Employees Retirement System who are subsequently employed by the University of the Virgin Islands (“UVI”), to continue to receive their GERS annuity while receiving their salary from the University if the retiree enrolls in a different retirement plan

PROPOSED BY: Senator Carla J. Joseph
Sponsor Alma Francis Heyliger
Co-sponsor: Ray Fonseca

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code is amended in the following instances:

(a) In chapter 27, section 706, add subsection (g) to read as follows:

“(g) A retiree who re-enters the service of the government to be employed by the University of the Virgin Islands, in the positions of faculty, medical education faculty, executive leadership in medical education and operational capacities in the medical simulation center; medical school and biomedical facility, educators in medical simulation, biomedical and robotics technologies and grant writers, may continue to receive an annuity from GERS for up to a period of six years while in receipt of a salary

1 from the University of the Virgin Islands if the retiree is enrolled in an alternative
2 retirement system. In the third year after the enactment of this section, the Legislature of
3 the Virgin Islands shall consider the economic effects of this section on the Government
4 Employee Retirement System of the Virgin Islands and the University of the Virgin
5 Islands and may allow further extensions to the term of service under this section if
6 necessary.”

7 (b) In chapter 28A, section 755, add subsection (f) to read as follows:

8 “(f) A retiree who re-enters the service of the government to be employed by the
9 University of the Virgin Islands, in the positions of faculty, medical education faculty,
10 executive leadership in medical education and operational capacities in the medical
11 simulation center; medical school and biomedical facility, educators in medical
12 simulation, biomedical and robotics technologies and grant writers, may continue to
13 receive an annuity from GERS for up to a period of six years while in receipt of salary
14 from the University of the Virgin Islands if the retiree is enrolled in an alternative
15 retirement system. In the third year after the enactment of this section, the Legislature of
16 the Virgin Islands shall consider the economic effects of this section on the Government
17 Employee Retirement System and the University of the Virgin Islands and may allow
18 further extensions to the term of service under this section if necessary”.

19 **BILL SUMMARY**

20 This bill amends title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 27, section 706 and chapter 28A,
21 section 755 to allow for Tier I and Tier II retirees who re-enter the service of the government
22 to be employed by the University of the Virgin Islands to continue to receive their annuity while

1 receiving their salary from the University of the Virgin Islands if the retiree is enrolled in an
2 alternative retirement system.

3 **BR25-0359/February 3, 2025/GC**

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