

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND
FINANCE

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BILL NO. 36-0362

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 21, 2026

An act appropriating \$34,066,859 for the salaries and expenses of the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027

PROPOSED BY: Senator Novelle E. Francis, Jr.,
Co-Sponsors: Senators Marvin A. Blyden, Dwayne M. DeGraff,
Ray Fonseca, Hubert L. Frederick, Marise C. James and
Kurt A. Violet

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The sum of \$29,550,958 is appropriated from the General Fund of the
3 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands Fund
4 for expenditure by the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September
5 30, 2027, for the purposes hereinafter named in this section in accordance with the provisions
6 of title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapters 33 and 35.

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

1 architectural, auditing and printing services; and payment of other legal expenses of the
2 University, including principal and interest bonds and notes in accordance with title 17 Virgin
3 Islands Code, chapters 33 and 35.

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

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

16 **SECTION 3.** The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the
17 Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during
18 the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, for the payment of debt service costs of the
19 University of the Virgin Islands.

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

SECTION 5. The sum of \$115,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, for Senior Citizens' Tuition, under title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 33, section 475.

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 11. The sum of \$250,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, for EPSCOR.

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

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

SECTION 14. The sum of \$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, for UVI Cell to provide training to the instructors of the Emergency Medical Services Education Program and for the 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. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027, for the UVI Medical Reserve Fund.

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

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

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

4 **SECTION 19.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of
5 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal
6 year ending September 30, 2027, for the UVI Cell Surveyors Program.

7 **SECTION 20.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of
8 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal
9 year ending September 30, 2027, for the UVI Cell Appraisers Program.

10 **SECTION 21.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of
11 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal
12 year ending September 30, 2027, for the Virgin Islands Academic and Cultural Awards
13 Endowment.

14 **SECTION 22.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of
15 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal
16 year ending September 30, 2027, for the Virgin Islands Caribbean Cultural Center.

17 **SECTION 23.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of
18 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal
19 year ending September 30, 2027, for the Congressional Scholarship Program.

20 **SECTION 24.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of
21 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal
22 year ending September 30, 2027, for the Inclusive Early Childhood Education (IECE) Program
23 in the School of Education. IECE student majors and early care and education professionals

1 will be engaged in a variety of professional development opportunities to enhance and
 2 supplement courses offered.

3 **SECTION 25.** The sum of \$0 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of
 4 the Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal
 5 year ending September 20, 2027, for the Construction Mangers Program.

6 **0100 GENERAL FUND**

FY2027

7 **900 UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

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\$34,066,859

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\$34,066,859

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BILL SUMMARY

11 This bill appropriates \$34,066,859 from the General Fund of the Treasury of the
 12 Government of the Virgin Islands to the University of the Virgin Islands during the fiscal year
 13 ending September 30, 2027.

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