

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND
FINANCE

09/21/2026-REPORTED OUT TO THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JUDICIARY

BILL NO. 36-0366

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 21, 2026

An act appropriating \$500,000 from the Education Initiative Fund of the Government of the Virgin Islands to the Department of Education during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, for final editing, proofing and printing of hardcover editions of the customized Virgin Islands History textbooks and for completion of kindergarten through eighth grade Social Studies curriculum

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the Education Initiative Fund to the Virgin Islands Department of Education, Division of Curriculum and Instruction, for final editing and proofing of customized Virgin Islands History textbooks, printing hardcover editions of the customized Virgin Islands History textbooks, and for the completion of kindergarten through eighth grade Social Studies curriculum during the fiscal year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027.

2185/2188 VI EDUCATION INITIATIVE FUND

FY2027

400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

VIRGIN ISLANDS HISTORY BOOK GRADES 3RD-8TH

\$75,000

VIRGIN ISLANDS HISTORY BOOK GRADES KINDERGARTEN-8TH

\$375,000

1	SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	\$50,000
2	TOTAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	\$500,000
3	TOTAL VI EDUCATION INITIATIVE FUND	\$500,000

4 **BILL SUMMARY**

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11 **BR26-1265/BUDGET/September 17, 2026**