

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND
FINANCE

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

BILL NO. 36-0377

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 21, 2026

An act appropriating \$49,534,620 for the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender 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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The following sums are appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for operating expenses of the following entities during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2027:

0100 GENERAL FUND	FY2027
JUDICIAL COUNCIL	\$144,000
VI JUDICIARY AND COURT SYSTEM	\$43,258,400
OFFICE OF THE TERRITORIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$6,132,220
TOTAL 0100 GENERAL FUND	\$49,534,620

BILL SUMMARY

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