

BILL NO. 31- _____

THIRTY FIRST LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGULAR SESSION

2016

An Act amending Act No. 7758 to make additional appropriations from the General Fund to the Bureau of Corrections, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Division of Personnel, Office of the Lieutenant Governor, Virgin Islands Fire Service, Department of Education, Department of Human Services, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs, and the Virgin Islands Police Department for the fiscal year October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016; to authorize the use of monies from the JROTC Fund for the JROTC program at the St. Croix Educational Complex; to authorize the use of monies from the Education Initiative Fund for a Literacy and Mathematics K-3 Intervention Program; and to appropriate funding to the VI Taxicab Commission for operating costs and for the implementation of mandatory continuing education for taxi and tour operators as a condition for license renewal, for the fiscal year October 1, 2015, to September 30, 2016.

PROPOSED BY: ACTING GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, in order to implement salary increases, additional appropriations are required from the General Fund to the following departments: Bureau of Corrections - \$2,469,363, Bureau of Internal Revenue - \$2,238,353, Division of Personnel - \$575,077, Office of the Lieutenant Governor - \$1,131,353, Virgin Islands Fire Service - \$1,241,032, Department of Education - \$5,585,081, Department of Human Services - \$3,526,739, Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs - \$275,860, and the Virgin Islands Police Department - \$2,176,283 in the aggregate amount of \$19,219,141; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is experiencing a significant number of vacancies in critical school based positions and must rely extensively on substitute teachers for which additional funding in the sum of \$1,600,000.00 is needed; and

WHEREAS, the School Food Authority requires an additional \$2,230,000.00 funding to cover the cost increases in the Department of Education's school lunch program due to changes in federal regulations and to offset increased shipping and food cost; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$300,000.00 is needed for supplies; and

WHEREAS, \$263,494 is needed to reimburse Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) at the U.S. Department of Agriculture for ineligible meals served without milk; and

WHEREAS, an additional \$125,000.00 is needed to fund the Junior ROTC Program at the St. Croix Educational Complex;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is in critical need of the sum of \$600,000.00 for Literacy and Mathematics intervention programs for K-3 students in the Virgin Islands Public School System in both the District of St. Croix and the District of St. St. Thomas-St. John; and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission is in need of a subsidy in the amount of \$550,000 from the General Fund, for operating costs of the V.I. Taxi Cab Commission and for the implementation of mandatory continuing education for taxi and tour operators as a condition for license renewal.

Now, therefore, be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

Section 1. Act. No. 7758 is amended as follows:

	DELETE	INSERT
B ORG 150 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS		
PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	18,362,101	20,831,464
OPERATING EXPENSES		
UTILITIES		
TOTAL ORG 150 BUREAU OF CORRECTIONS	31,858,131	34,327,494
E ORG 220 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL		
PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	2,451,186	3,026,263
OPERATING EXPENSES		
UTILITIES		
TOTAL ORG 220 DIVISION OF PERSONNEL	2,975,186	3,550,263
G ORG 240 VI FIRE SERVICES		
PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	17,669,228	18,910,260
OPERATING EXPENSES		
UTILITIES		
TOTAL ORG 240 VI FIRE SERVICES	18,157,087	19,398,119

L	ORG 300 OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR		
	OPERATING EXPENSES	-	1,131,353
	TOTAL ORG 300 OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	6,652,360	7,783,713
M	ORG 340 INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU		
	PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	8,041,933	10,280,286
	OPERATING EXPENSES		
	UTILITIES		
	TOTAL ORG 340 INTERNAL REVENUE BUREAU	10,200,000	12,438,353
P	ORG 380 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
	PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	2,432,903	2,708,763
	OPERATING EXPENSES		
	UTILITIES		
	ENFORCEMENT, MANAGEMENT & OTHER CRITICAL VACANCIES		
	TOTAL ORG 380 DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING & CONSUMER AFFAIRS	3,236,003	3,511,863
R	ORG 400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
	PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	126,832,472	134,017,553
	OPERATING EXPENSES	16,598,829	19,128,829
	UTILITIES		
	SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM WORKERS		
	SCHOOL MAINTENANCE		
	SCHOOL MAINTENANCE WORKERS		
	SCHOOL MAINTENANCE		
	VACANT POSITIONS FUNDING		
	REIMBURSEMENT TO FNS - INELIGIBLE MEALS	-	263,494
	TOTAL ORG 400 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	159,959,102	169,937,677
S	ORG 500 VI POLICE DEPARTMENT		
	PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	49,955,630	52,131,913
	OPERATING EXPENSES		
	UTILITIES		
	TOTAL ORG 500 VI POLICE DEPARTMENT	59,942,468	62,118,751
X	ORG 720 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
	PERSONNEL & FRINGE BENEFITS	25,013,111	28,539,850
	OPERATING EXPENSES		
	UTILITIES		
	TOTAL ORG 720 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES	59,293,802	62,820,541

Section 2. Notwithstanding the limitations on the use of funds prescribed in Title 33 of the Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 111, Section 3093, the sum of \$600,000.00 is appropriated in fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, from the Education Initiative Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of funding the Literacy and Mathematics K-3 Intervention Program.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the limitations on the use of funds prescribed in Title 33 of the Virgin Islands Code, Chapter 111, Section 3078, the sum of \$125,000.00 is appropriated in fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, from the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of funding the JROTC program at the St. Croix Educational Complex.

Section 4. The sums appropriated in Sections 2 and 3 of this Act remains available until expended for the purposes specified.

Section 5. The sum of \$550,000 is appropriated from the General Fund in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, to the Virgin Islands Taxicab Commission to fund operating costs and for the implementation of mandatory continuing education for taxi and tour operators as a condition for license renewal.

Bill Summary

To amend Act. No. 7758 to appropriate an additional \$2,469,363 to the Bureau of Corrections, \$2,238,353 to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, \$575,077 to the Division of Personnel, \$1,131,353 to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, \$1,241,032 to the Virgin Islands Fire Service, \$3,526,739 to the Department of Human Services, \$275,860 to the Department of Licensing & Consumer Affairs, \$2,176,283 to the Virgin Islands Police Department, and \$9,978,575 to the

Department of Education (\$7,185,081 in personnel & fringe, \$2,230,000 to fund the additional cost of the school lunch program, \$300,000 to cover additional supplies, and \$263,494 to reimburse FNS) for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016; to appropriate a sum of \$125,000 from the JROTC Fund to cover costs associated with the renewal of the JROTC program at the St. Croix Educational Complex; to appropriate a sum of \$600,000.00 from the Education Initiative Fund to the Department of Education for a Literacy and Mathematics K-3 Intervention program; and to provide an appropriation of \$550,000 from the General Fund to the V.I. Taxicab Commission to fund operating costs and for the implementation of mandatory continuing education for taxi and tour operators as a condition for license renewal.