

BILL NO. 34-0073

Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act relating to the allocations of federal funds designated for the Territory and for other related purposes

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

2 **SECTION 1.** (a) Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Governor of
3 the Virgin Islands shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the President of
4 the Legislature, recommended allocations of federal funds designated for the Territory under the
5 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, for uses authorized by the act, including
6 allocations for the funds in section 3 of this act.

7 (b) Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Governor of the Virgin
8 Islands shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the President of the
9 Legislature, recommended allocations of any other federal funds and any unreleased federal
10 funds designated for the Territory as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

1 **SECTION 2.** Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Governor of the
2 Virgin Islands shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the President of the
3 Legislature, a proposed plan for any funds that may be designated for the Territory if the
4 American Jobs Plan Act of 2021 is enacted.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Governor of the Virgin Islands may expend not more than \$5,000,000
6 a year from the funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, without
7 Legislative approval.

8 **SECTION 4.** Except as provided in section 3 of this act, the final allocations of all
9 federal funds referenced in section 1 must be authorized by the Legislature and any disbursement
10 of those funds must be in accordance with an act of the Legislature.

11 **SECTION 5.** Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Office of
12 Management and Budget shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the
13 President of the Legislature, a report providing an overview of all federal funds received by the
14 Territory, including a full accounting of all funds that have been disbursed, under the following
15 acts:

- 16 (1) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2,
17 (2) Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations
18 Act, P.L. 116-123;
19 (3) Family First Coronavirus Response Act, P.L. 116-127;
20 (4) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136;
21 (5) Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act, P.L. 116-
22 139; and
23 (6) Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, P.L. 116-260.

