

ACT NO. 7693

BILL NO. 30-0496

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Regular Session

2014

An Act authorizing the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Education from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund for the purchase textbooks for the 2014-15 school year, to be available until expended and authorizing the allocation of monies from the Fund to purchase textbooks at the end of each fiscal year and amending 33 V.I.C. §3093 for related purposes

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

WHEREAS, the Department of Education is in critical need of the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to purchase textbooks for the subject matter areas to include English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science for students in the Virgin Islands Public School System in the District of St. Croix and the District of St. Thomas/St. John; and

WHEREAS, the appropriation of the sum of \$2,000,000.00 for the fiscal year 2014 to be available until expended will assist the Department in carrying its fundamental obligations to promote the cause of education, and achieve a high level of general education throughout the Virgin Islands; Now Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the limitations on the use of funds prescribed in title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, section 3093, the sum of \$2,000,000.00 is appropriated in the fiscal year 2014, from the Virgin Islands Education Initiative Fund to the Department of Education for the purpose of purchasing textbooks. A "textbook" means (1) any version of a book including hard covered or paperback books, manuals, and workbooks; and (2) any courseware or other instructional materials including electronic textbooks, on-line technologies, CD-ROMS, digital applications or any other format that is used to contribute to the learning process of students.

SECTION 2. The sum appropriated in Section 1 remains available until expended.

SECTION 3. Title 33 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 111, subtitle III, section 3093 is amended by adding subsections (o) and (p) to read as follows:

“(o) Except as provided otherwise in this section, the Department of Education may use 80% of the annual balance on September 30th at the end of each fiscal year, after funds have been utilized for public school and public adult education allocations, for textbooks and textbook-related purposes. A “textbook” means (1) any version of a book including hard covered or paperback books, manuals, and workbooks; and (2) any courseware or other instructional materials including electronic textbooks, on-line technologies, CD-ROMS, digital applications or any other format that is used to contribute to the learning process of students.

“(p) The sums allocated pursuant to subsection (o) remain available until expended.”

Thus passed by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands on September 25, 2014.

Witness our Hands and Seal of the Legislature of the Virgin Islands this 30th Day of September, A.D., 2014.



Shawn-Michael Malone
President

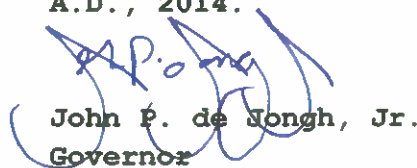


Janette Millin Young
Legislative Secretary



Bill No. 30-0496 is hereby approved.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the
Government of the United States
Virgin Islands at Charlotte Amalie,
St. Thomas, this 13th day of October
A.D., 2014.



John P. de Jongh, Jr.
Governor