

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, YOUTH,
AND RECREATION

BILL NO. 32-0203

Thirty-Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands

April 20, 2018

An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3 relating to the permanent closure of public schools

PROPOSED BY: Senator Myron D. Jackson

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 3 is amended as follows:

(a) Section 21, subsection (a), paragraph (1) is amended by inserting “or permanent closure” after “establishment”; and

(b) Section 24 is amended by re-designating subsection (d) as subsection (e) and adding a new subsection (d) that reads:

“(d) The Commissioner of Education shall consult with the Board of Education before making a final decision to permanently close a public school. But before any public school is permanently closed, the Board of Education and the Department of Education shall present testimony to the Legislature of the Virgin

1 Islands regarding the condition of the infrastructure of the school, the reasons for
2 the decision to close the school, and the future plans for the property.”

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4 **BILL SUMMARY**

5 This bill gives the Board of Education the authority to recommend to the
6 Department of Education the closure of a public school. It also provides that the
7 Commissioner of Education must consult with the Board of Education before making a
8 final decision to close a public school and that before closure of any school, the Board of
9 Education and the Department of Education must provide testimony to the Legislature on
10 the condition of the school, the reasons for the closure, and the future use of the school.

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