

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, YOUTH, AND
RECREATION

BILL NO. 32-0029

Thirty-Second Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 23, 2017

An Act providing for the implementation of single-gender instruction in the Virgin Islands public schools

PROPOSED BY: Senator Nereida Rivera O'Reilly

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the duties bestowed upon the Virgin Islands Board of Education in title 17 Virgin Islands Code, section 21, paragraph (1), the Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education or the Commissioner's designee shall develop gender-based instructional options for students in the Virgin Islands public schools, whether single-gender classrooms, programs, schools, or a combination of these methods, and implement the chosen method of single-gender instruction beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Participation in single-gender instruction must be voluntary and substantially equal for boys and girls.

BILL SUMMARY

The bill provides that the Virgin Islands Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education must determine a method of single-gender instruction for the Virgin Islands public school students, which must be implemented for the 2018-2019 school year.

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