

BILL NO. 35-0051

Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 27i by changing the name of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention and expanding the duties and responsibilities of the office to include school violence prevention

PROPOSED BY: Senator Javan E. James, Sr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 1, section 27i, is amended in the following instances:

(a) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

(1) In the first sentence, insert “and School” after “Gun”;

(2) In the second sentence, insert “and school violence” after “gun violence”;

and

(3) In the third sentence, insert “the Department of Education;” after “faith-based organizations;”.

(b) Subsection (b) is amended by inserting “and School” after “Gun”.

(c) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

(1) Insert “and School” after “Gun”;

(2) In paragraph (1), insert “the Department of Education,” after “Department of Labor,”, and insert “students and” after “programs for”;

(3) In paragraph (2), insert “and school violence” after “gun violence”;

(4) In paragraph (4), insert “and schools” after “business community”; and

(5) In paragraph (9), insert “, and of school violence,” after “deaths”.

(d) Subsection (d) is amended as follows:

(1) Insert “and School” after “Gun”;

(2) Designate the existing language as paragraph (1) and add paragraph (2) that reads as follows:

“(2) The Department of Education shall report all incidents of school violence to the Virgin Islands Office of Gun and School Violence Prevention.”

(e) Subsection (e), paragraph (4) is amended by inserting “and school” after “gun”.

BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends title 3, chapter 1, section 27i, by changing the name of the Office of Gun Violence Prevention to the Office of Gun and School Violence Prevention and expanding the duties and responsibilities of the office to include school violence prevention.

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