

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET, APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE

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BILL NO. 36-0173

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 10, 2025

An act providing an appropriation for the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026

PROPOSED BY: Senators Milton E. Potter and Novelle E. Francis, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The following sums are appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for operating expenses in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026 to the following entities:

0100 GENERAL FUND	FY2026
JUDICIAL COUNCIL	\$130,620
VI JUDICIARY & COURT SYSTEM	\$40,258,400
OFFICE OF THE TERRITORIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER	\$6,132,220
TOTAL 0100 GENERAL FUND	\$46,521,240

BILL SUMMARY

This bill appropriates \$46,521,240 for the operation of the Judicial Branch of the Government of the Virgin Islands, the Judicial Council and the Office of the Territorial Public Defender during the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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