

# BILL NO. 36-0296

## Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

May 28, 2026

An act amending Act No. 9028 to include a \$2,300,000 appropriation for the University of the Virgin Islands Scholarship Revolving Fund and amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, section 190dd(j)(2) by changing the funding source of the University of the Virgin Islands Scholarship Revolving Fund

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:*

**SECTION 1.** Act No. 9028 is amended as follows:

(a) By adding the following section 25:

“**SECTION 25.** The sum of \$2,300,000 is appropriated from the General Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands in the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, to the University of the Virgin Islands for the University of the Virgin Islands Scholarship Revolving Fund to provide tuition scholarships for residents of the Virgin Islands pursuing post-secondary education at the University of the Virgin Islands.”; and

(b) By striking “\$34,977,962” in the two instances it appears and inserting “\$37,277,962”.

1                   **SECTION 2.** Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 15, section 190dd, subsection (j),  
2   paragraph (2) is amended by striking “of \$3,000,000 from the Internal Revenue Matching Fund”  
3   and inserting “not to exceed the sum of \$3,000,000 as an annual obligation from the General  
4   Fund of the Treasury of the Government of the Virgin Islands for the University of the Virgin  
5   Islands budget”.

6 **BILL SUMMARY**

7           This bill amends Act No. 9028 by including a \$2,300,000 appropriation for the University  
8   of the Virgin Islands Scholarship Revolving Fund and amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code,  
9   chapter 15, section 190dd, subsection(j)(2) to change a funding source for the University Virgin  
10   Islands Scholarship Revolving Fund.

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