

BILL NO. 36-0257

Thirty-Sixth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

February 26, 2026

An act transferring the eastern portion of Parcel No. 2C Estate Ross, 8 New Quarter, St. Thomas, from the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority to the Virgin Islands Department of Education for use by the Charlotte Amalie High School

PROPOSED BY: Senator Avery L. Lewis

WHEREAS, there exists a need to secure adequate land for the reconstruction and continued operation of the Charlotte Amalie High School campus on St. Thomas;

WHEREAS, a portion of the school already exists on Parcel No. 2C Estate Ross;

WHEREAS, the eastern portion of Parcel No. 2C Estate Ross is currently owned and controlled by the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority;

WHEREAS, transferring the eastern portion of Parcel No. 2C Estate Ross, 8 New Quarter to the Virgin Islands Department of Education will enable the department to expand the campus of the Charlotte Amalie High School; and

WHEREAS, upon transfer, the Department of Education will assume full control and responsibility for the property, ensuring it is used exclusively for public education purposes, including the reconstruction, operation, and expansion of the Charlotte Amalie High School campus and related educational facilities; Now, Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. The eastern portion of Parcel No. 2C Estate Ross, 8 New Quarter, St. Thomas, is transferred from the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority to the Virgin Islands Department of Education for use by the Charlotte Amalie High School.

SECTION 2. The Department of Education shall assume full control and responsibility for the property transferred in section 1 for use by the Charlotte Amalie High School.

SECTION 3. The Department of Property and Procurement, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Education shall commission a legal survey within 90 days to establish the exact boundaries and acreage of the property. Once surveyed, the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority shall execute the deed transferring the property to the Department of Education and record the deed with the Recorder of Deeds.

BILL SUMMARY

Section 1 of this bill transfers eastern portion of Parcel No. 2C Estate Ross, 8 New Quarter, St. Thomas, is transferred from the Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority to the Virgin Islands Department of Education, for the exclusive use of the Charlotte Amalie High School.

Section 2 mandates that the Department of Education assume full control and responsibility for the property transferred for the reconstruction, operation, and expansion of the Charlotte Amalie High School.

Section 3 requires the Department of Property and Procurement, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Education, will commission a legal survey within 90 days to establish the exact boundaries and acreage of the property. Once surveyed, Virgin Islands Housing Finance Authority will execute the deed and record the deed with the Recorder of Deeds.

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