

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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BILL NO. 34-0086

Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

July 23, 2021

An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111(a) relating to school health programs to provide for mental health education and instruction

PROPOSED BY: Senators Milton E. Potter
Co-sponsor: Samuel Carrión

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

2 **SECTION 1.** Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 10, section 111 is amended at the
3 end of subsection (a) by adding after “environment” the following: “and mental health
4 education and instruction that includes age-appropriate model learning activities for grades
5 Kindergarten through 12 on the overarching themes and core principles of mental health,
6 learning activities that develop pupils’ mental health wellness, social connectedness and
7 supportive relationships, resiliency, problem solving skills, coping skills, self-esteem, and a
8 positive school and home environment and other learning activities that encompass the mental
9 health components of the National Health Education Standards.

10 **BILL SUMMARY**

11 The bill adds mental health education to the school health programs under title 17,
12 chapter 10 of the Virgin Islands Code.

13 **BR21-0323/July14, 2021/YLT**