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BILL NO. 34-0238

Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act amending title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 41(c), relating to courses of study in public schools to require that Virgin Islands and Caribbean history to be integrated into the curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12 and for other purposes

PROPOSED BY: Senator Genevieve R. Whitaker
Co-sponsors: Carla J. Joseph and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

SECTION 1. Title 17 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 5, section 41, subsection (c) is amended by striking the language in paragraph (1) and inserting new language to read:

"The history of the Virgin Islands and basic Caribbean history to be integrated into the curriculum for kindergarten through grade 12."

BILL SUMMARY

This bill amends 17 V.I.C., chapter 5, § 41(c)(1) to specify that Virgin Islands and Caribbean history must be taught in all grades in the public schools. Under existing law, Virgin Islands history and Caribbean are required to be part of the curriculum in public schools, but there is no requirement that they be taught in all grades. The bill also replaces drug prevention education within the same category with substance abuse education.

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