

# LEGISLATURE OF THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS



35<sup>th</sup> Legislature, THE HONORABLE SENATOR DIANE T. CAPEHART

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Subcommittee on Health and Public Safety

**TO:** All Members, Committee on Rules and Judiciary  
Honorable Milton E. Potter, Vice Chairman  
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Honorable Kenneth L. Gittens  
Honorable Marise C. James  
Honorable Franklin D. Johnson  
Honorable Carla J. Joseph

**FROM:** The Honorable Senator Diane T. Capehart   
Chair, Committee on Rules and Judiciary

**DATE:** March 13, 2024

**RE:** Committee on Rules and Judiciary Meeting— Wednesday, March 20, 2024

The Committee on Rules and Judiciary has scheduled a meeting for *Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 9:30 AM in the Frits Lawaetz Legislative Conference Room, St. Croix, Virgin Islands* to consider the following *nominations, bills, and resolutions*:

## **BLOCK I**

- Governor's Nomination of the Honorable Harold W. L. Willocks, Esq.  
Justice of the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands

## **BLOCK II**

- Governor's Nomination of Averil E. George  
Commissioner Nominee, Virgin Islands Department of Human Services

## **BLOCK III**

- Governor's Nomination of Antonio O. Stevens  
Director Nominee, Virgin Islands Fire and Emergency Medical Services

## **BLOCK IV**

**Bill No. 35-0115** - An Act repealing title 24 Virgin Islands Code chapter 17, subchapter II, "Limited Use of Criminal Records in Hiring Practices," and enacting in its place "The Fair Chance for Employment Act" relative to criminal record checks in the employment application process; and amending title 3 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 25, subchapter I, section 452

requiring the Director of Personnel to develop and implement fair chance hiring policies; and for other related purposes. ***Sponsored By: Senators Donna A. Frett-Gregory, Alma Francis-Heyliger, Angel L. Bolques, Jr., Franklin D. Johnson, and Dwayne M. DeGraff***

**Bill No. 35-0196** - An Act to amend title 3, Virgin Islands Code, sections 717(c) and 766(c) to establish a deadline for the GERS to resume the personal loan program, remove the \$10,000,000 annual aggregate amount and the 8% interest rate cap, limit the system's liability to \$75,000, and set a parameter in section 717 that all loans must be structured such that the payoff date occurs before the retiree reaches age 70. ***Sponsored By: Senator Milton E. Potter***

**Bill No. 35-0226** – An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter I, section 345, subsection (c) by establishing a minimum amount for child support. ***Sponsored By: Senator Carla J. Joseph***

## **BLOCK V**

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**Bill No. 35-0107** - An Act posthumously honoring and commending Ms. Fenella Cooper for her contributions to the fields of education, sports, and culture, and naming the UVI tennis courts in her honor. ***Sponsored By: Senator Marvin A. Blyden***

**Bill No. 35-0184** - An Act to honor and commend Viggo E. Sewer posthumously for his ultimate contribution to the Virgin Islands and renaming East End Road on Route 10 on the island of St. John, in his honor. ***Sponsored By: Senator Dwayne M. DeGraff***

**Bill No. 35-0208** - A Resolution honoring and commending Mrs. Bernice Alma Turnbull for her lifetime of service and dedication to the people of the Virgin Islands. ***Sponsored By: Senators Milton E. Potter, Carla Joseph, Alma Francis Heyliger, Kenneth L. Gittens and Dwayne M. DeGraff; Co-Sponsored By: Senators Samuel Carrion and Ray Fonseca***

**Bill No. 35-0223** - An Act renaming a portion of Gamle Gade “William A. Industrious Street”. ***Sponsored By: Senator Carla J. Joseph, Ray Fonseca and Donna A. Frett-Gregory***

Cc: All Senators  
All Chiefs of Staff  
All Divisions  
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