## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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## BILL NO. 35-0226

## Thirty-Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

**January 18, 2024** 

An Act amending title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter I, section 345, subsection (c) by establishing a minimum default amount for child support

**PROPOSED BY:** Senators Carla J. Joseph, Alma Francis Heyliger and Angel L. Bolques, Jr.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

- 2 **SECTION 1.** Title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter I, section 345 is
- 3 amended by adding subsection (f) to read as follows:

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- 4 (f) Any parent who fails to provide the financial information necessary to compute the
- 5 child support amount provided for in subsection (c), shall pay a minimum default monthly child
- 6 support of not less than \$1000 for the first child and \$150 for each additional child.

7 <u>BILL SUMMARY</u>

- 8 This bill amends title 16 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 13, subchapter I, section 345,
- 9 subsection (c) by establishing a minimum default amount for child support.
- 10 **BR23-0898/November 29, 2023/GC**