

BILL NO. 30-0206

Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

September 18, 2013

An Act amending title 1 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 11 to designate the month of October as "Disability History Month"

PROPOSED BY: Senator Sammuel Sanes

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that annually recognizing disability history throughout our
2 entire public educational system, from kindergarten through grade twelve and at our university, during
3 the month of October will help to increase awareness and understanding of the contributions people with
4 disabilities have made to our territory, nation and the world; and

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that recognizing disability history will increase respect
6 and promote acceptance and inclusion of people with disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that recognizing disability history will inspire students
8 with disabilities to feel a greater sense of pride, reduce harassment and bullying, and help ensure that
9 students with disabilities remain in school; Now Therefore,

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

2 SECTION 1. Title 1 is amended by adding a new section 200c to read as follows;

3 §“200c (a) this section may be cited as “The Disability History Month Act”.

4 (b) The month of October is designated “Disability History Month”. Annually during the
5 month of October, each public school shall conduct and promote educational activities that provide
6 instruction, awareness and understanding of disability history and people with disabilities. The activities
7 must include various events, such, as school assemblies and guest-speaker presentations.”

8 **BILL SUMMARY**

9 This bill amends title 1 adding section 200e to designate October “Disability History Month”.

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