

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

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**BILL NO. 30-0188**

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**Thirtieth Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

August 19, 2013

An Act to amend title 17, chapter 15, of the Virgin Islands Code to create an annual scholarship for Virgin Islands students studying emergency management

PROPOSED BY: Senator Samuel Sanes

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

**2** SECTION 1. Title 17, chapter 15, section 190cc of the Virgin Islands Code is amended by  
**3** adding a new subsection 190cc to read as follows:

**4** (a) There is established the Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Scholarship  
**5** Fund for Virgin Islands students studying Emergency Management that shall be administered by the  
**6** Virgin Islands Territorial Emergency Management Agency (VITEMA).

**7** (b) The Director of VITEMA in collaboration with the Virgin Islands Board of Education  
**8** shall adopt rules and regulations governing the applications, granting of scholarships and eligibility  
**9** requirements. The Director of VITEMA is authorized to certify qualified students for said scholarships  
**10** provided that said students maintain a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average to be eligible for a  
**1** scholarship award under this section.

1 (c) Scholarships granted under this section may not exceed \$5, 000 per year and the  
 2 scholarship amount must be applied to the payment of tuition, lodging, board, books supplies  
 3 transportation and other related expenses.

4 (d) A student receiving a scholarship under this section shall sign a contract committing  
 5 himself/herself to return to the Virgin Islands upon completion of his/her course of study and work in  
 6 the Virgin Islands in the field of emergency management or related field. A student who fails to comply  
 7 with this provision shall be liable to the Government of the Virgin Islands for the amount of the  
 8 scholarship plus 10% of the total amount of the scholarship.

9 (e) Funds shall be made available by annually appropriating 1% from the Peace Officer  
 10 training fund and 1% of the Internal Revenue Matching Fund.

11 **BILL SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends title 17, chapter 15, of the Virgin Islands Code by adding a new subsection  
 13 190cc to create an annual scholarship for Virgin Islands students studying emergency management.

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