BILL NO. 34-0073

Thirty-Fourth Legislature of the Virgin Islands

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An Act relating to the allocations of federal funds designated for the Territory and for other related purposes

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands:

- 2 **SECTION 1.** (a) Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Governor of
- 3 the Virgin Islands shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the President of
- 4 the Legislature, recommended allocations of federal funds designated for the Territory under the
- 5 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, for uses authorized by the act, including
- 6 allocations for the funds in section 3 of this act.

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- 7 (b) Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Governor of the Virgin
- 8 Islands shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the President of the
- 9 Legislature, recommended allocations of any other federal funds and any unreleased federal
- 10 funds designated for the Territory as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

1	SECTION 2. Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Governor of the
2	Virgin Islands shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the President of the
3	Legislature, a proposed plan for any funds that may be designated for the Territory if the
4	American Jobs Plan Act of 2021 is enacted.
5	SECTION 3. The Governor of the Virgin Islands may expend not more than \$5,000,00
6	a year from the funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, without
7	Legislative approval.
8	SECTION 4. Except as provided in section 3 of this act, the final allocations of a
9	federal funds referenced in section 1 must be authorized by the Legislature and any disbursement
0	of those funds must be in accordance with an act of the Legislature.
1	SECTION 5. Not later than 30 days after the passage of this act, the Office of
2	Management and Budget shall submit to the Legislature of the Virgin Islands, through the
3	President of the Legislature, a report providing an overview of all federal funds received by the
4	Territory, including a full accounting of all funds that have been disbursed, under the following
5	acts:
6	(1) American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2,
7	(2) Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriation
8	Act, P.L. 116-123;
9	(3) Family First Coronavirus Response Act, P.L. 116-127;
20	(4) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136;
21	(5) Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act, P.L. 116
22	139; and
3	(6) Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 P.L. 116-260

SECTION 6. The Office of Management and Budget, by the 10th day of each month, shall submit to the Legislature a full accounting of all federal funds disbursed under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, for the month immediately prior.

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The bill requires the Governor to submit, not later than 30 days after the bill is passed, to the Legislature, allocations of federal funds designated for the Territory under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, any other federal funds and any unreleased federal funds designated for the Territory as a result of the coronavirus pandemic; requires the Governor to submit to the Legislature, a proposed plan for any funds that may be designated for the Territory if the American Jobs Plan Act of 2021 is enacted; authorizes the Governor to expend not more than \$5,000,000 per year from the funds received under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 without Legislative approval and requires that all other disbursement of the funds be made in accordance with an act of the Legislature; requires the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") to submit to the Legislature, a report providing an overview of all federal funds received by the territory under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-123, Family First Coronavirus Response Act, P.L. 116-127, Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act, P.L. 116-139, Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, P.L. 116-260, including a full accounting of all funds that have been disbursed; and requires that OMB submit to the Legislature, on a monthly basis, a full accounting of all federal funds disbursed under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, for the month immediately prior.

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