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Carrion Hits the Ground Running, Submitting Bills on GERS, Bilingual Reform and More First Day on the Job

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Freshman Senator Samuel Carrion. By. BARRY LEERDAM/VI LEGISLATURE

Senator Samuel Carrion submitted several measures on his first day as a senator, demonstrating the newly elected lawmaker's desire to get things done, and representing a positive outlook on his productivity.

According to a release Mr. Carrion's office issued Monday night, the freshman Independent submitted to the Senate's legal counsel bills addressing Government Employees' Retirement System reform, bilingual education and revenue generating measures on Monday.

“In the coming days I will be announcing details on these proposals, as well as on how I plan to proceed as chairman of the Committee on Youth, Sports, Parks & Recreation,” Mr. Carrion said.

“As a father of four children in our public schools, I know first-hand the challenges most of our families are facing right now. We are going to have to work hard to productively engage our young people after this pandemic.”

Mr. Carrion was named chair of the aforementioned committee after [he joined](#) the Democratic Majority Caucus, and after Senator Javan James, formerly a Democrat, now an Independent, [abandoned the Democratic Party and the Senate Majority](#), portending "turmoil and chaos."

Mr. Carrion will also serve as a member of the Committees on Finance; Health, Hospitals & Human Services; Disaster Recovery & Infrastructure, and Housing, Transportation & Telecommunications, according to his office.

"The faith you have shown in me is truly amazing and I pledge to work hard on your behalf," Mr. Carrion said. "We have much work to be done as we address the many impacts of Covid-19 on our community, combat crime, and continue our hurricane recovery efforts. I truly look forward to the opportunity to represent and serve the people of St. Croix and again, I say, thank you."