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Several issues were addressed in the House this week in addition to working on the state budget that the Senate sent over to us on Monday. Some of those are part this week's, Raleigh Roundup.

I presented [HB 1166](#) "Clarify Gravel Under Stormwater Laws" on the House floor. The bill was the product of interim study in the Environmental Review Commission and commissions a study on the pervious or impervious nature of gravel for the purpose of built-upon area as it pertains to stormwater laws. The bill passed the House and will now be heard in the Senate.

#### **House passes bill to require carbon monoxide alarms in lodging facilities**

The House passed HB 1140 "Amend Hotel Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirement" on Tuesday that would clarify existing law to require lodging establishments to have carbon monoxide alarms. This law affects hotels, extended-stay motels and bed and breakfast properties.

The bill also clarifies the responsibility of inspections. Previously, the Health Department shouldered the responsibility of the inspections, but this process is now shifted to the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

From my vantage point, this bill is the result of much collaboration between the House, Senate, stakeholders and regulators alike. We want to attract visitors to North Carolina and this bill prioritizes safety from carbon monoxide.

#### **House passes bill to further examine Common Core standards in North Carolina**

On Wednesday, the House passed HB 1060 "Replace Common Core State Standards with North Carolina's Higher Academic Standards" that would allow for the creation of a non-partisan review board to examine the effectiveness of Common Core standards in North Carolina. Changes would be suggested to the State Board of Education.

The bill is the result of interim study from the Joint Legislative Research Commission on Common Core. Lawmakers heard from educators, administration and members of the public while gathering information to make this next step toward strengthening and adapting North Carolina's curriculum to the needs of our students.

Common Core standards would be used and unaltered during the 2014-2015 school year. The bill establishes a nine-member Academic Standards Review Commission and emphasizes the authority of the state to protect North Carolina classrooms from intrusion by any federal or private entity.

#### **Lawmakers pass bill to create economic development board**

Rep. Tom Murry (R — Wake) and Sen. Harry Brown (R— Onslow) introduced and passed companion bills in both the House and Senate chambers this week that would allow for a public-private partnership to bolster North Carolina's economic development.

House Bill 1031 "North Carolina Economic Development Partnership Modifications" gives the Department of Commerce the ability to partner with a nonprofit corporation to assist the Department in fostering and retaining jobs and business development, international trade, marketing, travel and tourism. The partnership is overseen by an Economic Development Accountability and Standards Committee which contains appointees from each state agency and members appointed by House and Senate leaders.

Each year, the Department of Commerce must report the work of the joint partnership back to the Joint Legislative Economic Development and Global Engagement Oversight Committee, Joint Legislative Committee on Government Operations and the Fiscal Research Division for review.

*Here are a few other bills that were considered along with the links if you care to review:*

- The House approved [HB 1032](#) the "Patent Abuse Bill" in an effort to end patent trolling. The bill makes patent infringement a deceptive trade practice.
- The House also voted in favor of [HB 230](#) "Clarify Read to Achieve/School Performance Grades". This bill clarifies provisions of the Read to Achieve Act and expands the testing window for one year.
- [SB 370](#) "Respect for Student Prayer/Religious Activity" also passed the House this week to clarify who may participate in student-led religious activity on school grounds.
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*In case you missed it:*

Charlotte Observer: [N.C. House toughens carbon monoxide alerts](#)

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