

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

BY REPRESENTATIVE FANNIN

BUILDING CODES: Makes changes to the oversight and adoption of updates to the state uniform construction code

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1730.26(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1730.26(3), relative to the  
3 state uniform construction code; to provide for legislative oversight; to provide for  
4 adoption of updates; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1730.26(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
7 40:1730.26(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1730.26. Adoption and promulgation of certain building codes and standards as  
9 state uniform construction code; procedures

10 The council shall review, adopt, modify, and promulgate the building codes  
11 referenced in R.S. 40:1730.28 of this Part, provided that:

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13 (2) The council shall review, evaluate, and update the state uniform  
14 construction code no later than five years from the date of publication of the  
15 appropriate code as provided for in R.S. 40:1730.28. The council shall submit the  
16 updated state uniform construction code to the House Committee on Commerce and  
17 the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs  
18 for oversight and approval at least ten days prior to the last day for the filing of  
19 legislation in the regular legislative session. Additionally, the council shall provide  
20 the members of each house of the legislature a summary of the major proposed

1 changes to the International Residential Code at the time of submission to the  
2 oversight committees.

3 (3) The updated state uniform construction code shall not become effective  
4 until it is approved by the legislature by concurrent resolution while in session. If  
5 the legislature fails to adopt the updated state uniform construction code, the most  
6 recent state uniform construction code shall remain in effect until the legislature  
7 approves an updated state uniform construction code.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires legislative oversight and approval of updates to the uniform state construction code at least 10 days prior to deadline for filing bills and provides that the updated code shall not become effective until approved by concurrent resolution.

Present law provides for a uniform state construction code and requires the Building Code Council to review and update it no later than five years from the date of publication of the appropriate code. Requires the council to submit the updated code to the House Committee on Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs for oversight and approval. Requires the council to provide all legislative members with a summary of the major proposed changes.

Proposed law retains present law and requires legislative oversight and approval of updates to the uniform state construction code at least 10 days prior to deadline for filing bills. Proposed law further provides that the code not become effective until it is approved by the legislature by concurrent resolution while in session. Provides that if the legislature fails to adopt the updated code, the most recent code will remain in effect until the legislature approves an updated code.

(Amends R.S. 40:1730.26(2); Adds R.S. 40:1730.26(3))