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The race for governor takes center stage this week. Democratic Attorney General Roy Cooper tells Gov. Pat McCrory “no” to the governor’s request that the AG join South Carolina in filing a friend of the court brief to oppose the Obama administration’s effort to force a Virginia school system to open opposite-sex bathrooms and locker rooms to a transgendered student. And that wasn’t all. In this week’s installment of “From the Campaign Trail,” host Donna Martinez talks with Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson about the Cooper campaign’s retort to the governor, calling him a “bully.” The exchange comes as Cooper’s Democratic rival, former legislator Ken Spaulding, continues to call for debates with Cooper – something the Cooper campaign has yet to agree to. And it comes as a former Republican legislators – Robert Brawley

– hints he may jump into the GOP primary for governor. Martinez and Henderson also discuss the resignation of state board of election chairman Josh Howard, the impending kickoff of Lt. Gov

. Dan Forest’s re-election effort in a race likely to see him once again face Democrat Linda Coleman, and the latest in the legal battle by Democrats and allied groups to have a court throw out the current election maps. That’s followed by Martinez’ conversation with Alamance

County pediatrician Dr. Rosemary Stein, who is seeking the GOP’s nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction – the post now held by Democrat June Atkinson. Dr. Stein talks about the nexus between her relationship with her patients and their parents, and her desire to help educate young children, as well as the ongoing challenge posed by the high number of recent high school graduates who require remedial courses when enrolling in a North Carolina Community College.