

**MACTE Legislative Update, 5.13.2018**  
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**Session Nearing Close.** The 2018 legislative session is constitutionally mandated to end on Monday, May 21. Nearly all major issues remain to be resolved, including revising state taxes in alignment with federal changes; school safety; bonding; and all supplemental budget matters. Although many technically do not need to be completed during this even-numbered, non-budget year, some are high priorities, especially for those up for re-election this year.

It has been difficult to follow developments in recent weeks since both bodies decided to combine all supplemental budget bills into single, large omnibus bills that include both funding and policy provisions. FYI, these bills are HF 4328 and SF 3656. In education, it appears that legislators heard a strong voice from the education community regarding the need to provide PELSB with additional time to complete rule-making on the new tiered licensure system. The Senate amended their bill on the floor to extend the deadline to complete rule-making by two months, to September 1. The House change is more convoluted, allowing for statutory language to be used on an interim basis with new rule language to be completed by January 1, 2019. It appears that PELSB prefers the straight-forward two month extension. At this point, it seems unlikely that action to attempt to persuade members will have much impact, but we will let you know if that changes.

**Possible MACTE Changes for 2018-2019 and Beyond.** As those who attended the April MACTE meeting know, I am hoping to reduce my time commitment to MACTE beginning in 2018-2019. Several of you let me know in April that you might be interested in joining me in supporting our MACTE agenda at the legislature. I am writing now to ask anyone with a potential interest to let me know at his/her earliest convenience, and particularly to give me a general sense of how much time you would be interested and able to devote to this work. In addition, please feel free to share this information with others who might want to engage more directly in legislative and policy work in the future. Later this week, MEC will begin discussing the ideas and options I have begun to outline for this new approach to our policy agenda.