



O'NEILL AND
ASSOCIATES

MCTA

**2017-2018
LEGISLATIVE SESSION
OVERVIEW**

MCTA Priorities & Progress
March 2017

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

New and Re-filed bills with industry impact

- Approximately 30 Bills we are tracking
- Preparing testimony to submit at bill hearings
- Coalition building to articulate impact
 - Ultimately to push bills to study or to not make it to floor

HD 3506– Rep. Mahoney

- Educating legislators on this legislation
- Great reason to engage entire legislative body
- Legislative visits to member sites
- Critical mass of support for incremental change

HEALTH CARE FINANCING

Governor Baker's Proposed fine

- \$2,000.00 per employee not covered

Legislative priority

- MA Legislature will take up Health Care immediately upon federal determination



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Calls to Action

Email or call your legislators

At critical points over the session we will likely encourage you to weigh in with your local Rep. or Senator

Schedule Site Visits

- Engage your local reps and senators at your place of business
- Local impact, employees, community engagement and taxes

Lobby Day

- Come to the State House as an organization
- Meet with legislators
- Key elected
- Staff
- Members of the administration

FEDERAL IMPACT ON THE COMMONWEALTH

Federal Changes to Regulations and Oversight Agencies

- Massachusetts will fill any voids created
- MA Leaders preparing for changes
- Funding or “de-funding” is key
- Where to make up? TURA fees potential



MA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STEM Advisory Council

Workforce Development

- Pipeline for manufacturing and future STEM related jobs
- High school age, summer internship program
 - Exposure to the industry and field
 - Encouragement to pursue careers
- Support of State DOE
 - Workforce Investment Board
 - Local school departments
 - Students prepped for workplace

