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Government Affairs Update

The Massachusetts Legislature's formal session ended very early on August 1 with a marathon session that stretched nearly 24 hours from Sunday into Monday.



Here is a list of major bills of interest to ACEC/MA members that are on Governor Baker's desk as of August 2, 2022. morning.

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Action due dates listed on these bills sent to the governor before Sunday are according to the governor's office and others are based on when the Senate took the final vote to send the bill to the governor.

[H5065 financing the general governmental infrastructure of the Commonwealth \(GGBB\).](#)

Action Due: Friday, Aug. 5

[H5151 relative to Massachusetts's transportation resources and climate.](#)

Action Due: Wednesday, Aug. 10. H5151 includes our Dig Safe language our Dig Safe language, a direct result of our grassroots advocacy work!



[H4981 providing for the terms of certain bonds for transportation improvements to be issued by the Commonwealth.](#)



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[H5060 driving clean energy and offshore wind.](#)

Action Due: Thursday, Aug. 11

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[H 5163 to improve and modernize the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary.](#)

Action Due: Thursday, Aug. 11

House and Senate negotiators struck early morning agreements Monday on sports betting and mental health access but will keep a significant economic development bill in conference committee as they continue to wrestle with an existing law that could trigger nearly \$3B in tax relief this year.

From the ACEC Research Institute:

The [2022 Q2 Engineering Business Sentiment study](#) is an update to first edition released in October 2021. The report surveyed more than 600 engineering firm owners and executives for their outlook on their firms' finances, their optimism for the engineering and design industry, and their thoughts on the condition of the U.S. economy.

From ACEC Last Word Blog:

[Announcing the Engineering and Public Works Roadshow](#)

[Details on the US Senate Budget Agreement](#)

[Podcast: What the Fed's Rate Hike Means for Engineering](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E community.

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