

Senator Shannon Jones

7th Senate District



Senator Shannon Jones represents the 7th Senate District, encompassing all of Warren County and portions of Butler and Hamilton Counties. Throughout her time in the legislature, Senator Jones has earned key leadership posts and a seat at the table to drive innovation and change to complex systems like health care and public utilities.

Prior to becoming a member of the State Senate, Senator Jones was twice elected to the Ohio House of Representatives, serving from 2007 to 2009 where she was elected by her colleagues to serve as Assistant Majority Whip. During the 129th General Assembly, Senator Jones was elected as Majority Whip of the Senate.

This legislative session, Senator Jones was appointed Chair of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee. She also serves as Vice-Chair of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, and is a member of the Senate Medicaid Committee, Insurance Committee, State & Local Government Committee, and General Government Finance Subcommittee.

Known for her dedication to effective policy, Senator Jones isn't afraid to tackle the complex issues. Her vast knowledge of health care policy and system know-how is evident in her initiatives that streamlined and modernized Ohio's Medicaid program all while focusing on creating improvements in health outcomes with an emphasis on Ohio's vulnerable and critically ill women, children, and elderly.

As Chair of the Medicaid, Health & Human Services Committee last session, Senator Jones learned about Ohio's abysmal infant mortality epidemic and made a commitment to travel the state to identify the challenges and find solutions so that Ohio can celebrate more first birthdays. Her efforts resulted in the creation of a uniform and streamlined process for investigating infant deaths, the established of a safe sleep education program and a policy to ensure safe places for newborns to sleep upon discharge from Ohio's hospitals - all aimed at reducing the number of infant deaths. Senator Jones pushed for more improvement in the infant mortality rate by fighting for the restoration of health care coverage for poor pregnant women, and expanding evidence-based practices such as home visiting services, centering pregnancy initiatives, Pathways Community HUBs, and maternal smoking cessation. As Co-Chair of the Commission on Infant Mortality, she will continue this vital work.



Fighting for infant vitality isn't Senator Jones first effort to improve the lives of children. She championed a common-sense law requiring booster seats for children, saving kids from preventable, life-threatening injuries. Senator Jones continues to educate parents about the importance of child safety and often conducts car seat demonstrations and bike helmet fittings throughout her district. She is also a strong voice for survivors of sexual assault insisting they have the opportunity to seek out the justice they deserve despite the backlog of untested rape kits in Ohio. She championed legislation that enables the prosecution of sexual assault crimes beyond the existing statute of limitations when there is a DNA match.

Senator Jones has also turned her keen eye towards complex issues to utility policy matters and as a result is seen as a go-to person on technical utility issues. Having shepherded significant legislation on electric utility restructuring during her tenure in the House, she was asked to take a similar leadership role in the Senate on such matters by serving as Chair of the Energy & Public Utilities Committee in the 129th General Assembly. In that capacity she sponsored landmark legislation to update Ohio's oil and natural gas drilling laws for the first time in several decades, paving the way for the safe development of Ohio's abundant shale resources in eastern Ohio.

Widely recognized as an exceptional legislative leader, Senator Jones has been the recipient of many awards for her work. In 2015, she received the Public Service Award of Excellence from the Ohio Hospital Association recognizing her positive impact on infant mortality reduction efforts and the 2015 Champion of Oral Health award from the Ohio Dental Association. Senator Jones was also honored with the Children's Health Champion Award by VOICES for Ohio's Children, the Public Health Guardian Award from the Association of Health Commissioners, and named a Champion for Infants by Premier Health, notably for her work fighting infant mortality in Ohio. The Dayton Business Journal included Senator Jones in the Top 50 Most Influential Women in the Miami Valley list in 2014 and again in 2015 - known as the area's "Power 50." She received the Antoinette Eaton Advocacy Award from the Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Health Advocate Awards from both Dayton and Cincinnati Children's Hospital for her efforts to improve the health and welfare of Ohio's children.

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Senator Jones and her husband of 21 years, Russell, live in Clearcreek Township where they are raising their two children, Jacob (16) and Anna (11), who attend Springboro Community Schools (GO PANTHERS!). The Jones family attends Saint Mary's Parish in Franklin and are avid Cincinnati Bengals fans and love college basketball particularly the University of Dayton Flyers and the University of Kentucky Wildcats. You can catch the Senator before home Bengals games tailgating with family and friends at Paul Brown Stadium.