



**Senator Shannon Jones**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District**

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**JONES NAMED VICE-CHAIR OF SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

*Will also serve on committees dealing with energy, insurance and health issues*

**COLUMBUS**— State Senator Shannon Jones (R- Springboro) today announced that she has been named to several key Senate committees by Senate President Tom Niehaus (R- New Richmond), including serving as vice-chair of the powerful Senate Finance Committee.

As a member of the Finance Committee, Jones will work with other members to develop the state's two-year operating budget as well as discuss other proposals that impact state spending. Last year, she served as co-chair of the Budget Planning and Management Commission, a bipartisan panel of lawmakers tasked with developing recommendations for the budget, which is facing a multi-billion dollar shortfall.

“Ohio faces major decisions about how to best serve its citizens given our limited resources, and the choices we make in the months ahead will not only help us revitalize our economy and create jobs, but also set the stage for Ohio’s long-term fiscal stability,” Jones said. “I look forward to having robust discussions on the budget and pledge to work to ensure that Ohio lives within its means.”

In addition, Jones was appointed to the Energy and Public Utilities Committee, the Health, Human Services and Aging Committee and the Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee. She will also serve on the State Controlling Board, a bipartisan oversight panel that performs a variety of tasks involving state and federal disbursements, such as reviewing certain state contracts and appropriation levels, transferring money between funds and releasing capital funds.

“My committee assignments provide me with a seat at the table on many issues that are important to the people I represent – balancing the budget, keeping energy and healthcare costs in check, and making sure that Ohio’s business environment is competitive and encourages, rather than hinders, job growth and creation,” Jones said.