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JONES PROPOSES NEW CERTIFICATE FOR INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIANS

THE WORLD OFTEN LOOKS TO OHIO'S HOSPITALS FOR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

COLUMBUS — State Senator Shannon Jones (R – Springboro) today introduced legislation that would create a visiting clinical professional development certificate. The bill will establish a temporary certificate to allow international physicians to seek advanced hands-on clinical training and continued education at Ohio's hospitals.

In developing the legislation, Senator Jones has worked closely with the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

"More than ever before, the rest of the world is turning to Ohio for the know-how and experiential learning that is required to be on the cutting-edge of health care," Jones said. "The Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center has recently seen more than 200 international physicians come to them as observers and research scholars."

Under the plan, the State Medical Board will be tasked with reviewing applicants and issuing a certificate that is valid for one year or less if the applicant meets all requirements set forth by the legislation. Physicians offering service under the parameters of such a certificate will not be afforded the ability to prescribe medicine or take a space in a residency program, nor will they be able to bill for any services provided. The written consent of all patients, or legal guardians of patients, must be provided for any procedure conducted in which a certificate holder participates.

The Ohio State Medical Board has reviewed and approved the contents of the legislation.

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Senator Shannon Jones represents Ohio's 7th Senate District, which includes Warren County and a portion of Hamilton County. She currently serves as the Senate Majority Whip.