FIRST REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 266

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, March 15, 2001, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 192, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a state systemic lupus erythematosus program in the department of health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 192, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 192.729, to read as follows:

- 192.729. 1. There is hereby established a state systemic lupus erythematosus program in the department of health. Subject to appropriations, the lupus program shall:
 - (1) Track and monitor the incidents of lupus occurring throughout the state;
- (2) Identify medical professionals and providers that are knowledgeable or specialize in the treatment of lupus and related diseases or illnesses; and
- (3) Promote lupus research and public awareness through collaborations with academic partners throughout the state and local boards, including the Missouri chapter of the lupus foundation.
- 2. The department may utilize or expand existing programs such as the office of women's health, the office of minority health and the state arthritis program established in sections 192.700 to 192.727 to meet the requirements of this section.
- 3. The department may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536,

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