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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;**
- (3) Increase public awareness through education of patients, their families, various health professionals and the public;**
- (4) Establish a statewide "Women's Health Information Network", consisting of a statewide automated telephone system, staffed by the office on women's health in the department of health; and**
- (5) Promote lupus research 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 state arthritis program established in sections 192.700 to 192.727 to meet the requirements of this section.

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