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89TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 191.807, RSMo 1994, relating to the women, infants and children program, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 191.807, RSMo 1994, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 191.807, to read as follows:

191.807. 1. State supplemental funding for the "Special Supplemental **[Food] Nutrition Program [or] for Women, Infants and Children [Special Supplemental Food Program]"** (WIC) is hereby authorized, subject to appropriations, with the goal to be one hundred percent coverage of all eligible women and children by the year 2002.

2. One percent of the state supplemental funding authorized by this section shall be set aside in a separate fund to be used by the department of health to fund grants to county health offices that operate a special supplemental food program for women, infants and **[children's program] children** (WIC). Grants from this fund shall be used by such county health offices for extending hours of service in order that services will be available to WIC clients during evening hours or on Saturdays. The maximum grant allowable pursuant to this program is ten thousand dollars per county, and no county may receive a grant for more than three consecutive years. The department of health shall establish rules and regulations to administer the grant program which would ensure distribution of grants according to county poverty levels and projected increase in participation in counties.

**3. The department of health shall establish a system of electronic transfer of**

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

**benefits for benefits under the women, infants and children program to enable recipients to access the system at point of sale terminals. If less than the total amount of benefits is withdrawn, the recipient shall be given a receipt showing the current status of the account.**

**4. The disclosure of any information provided to a financial institution, business or vendor by the department pursuant to this section is prohibited. Such financial institution, business or vendor may not use or sell such information and may not divulge the information without a court order. Violation of this subsection is a class A misdemeanor.**

**5. Subject to appropriations, the department shall require the use of photographic identification on electronic benefit transfer cards issued to recipients in this system. Such photographic identification electronic benefit transfer card shall be in a form approved by the department.**

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