## FIRST REGULAR SESSION

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 106**

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Children, Families and Health, March 15, 2001, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 106 Do Pass.

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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 prevalence of lupus 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, RSMo.