SECOND REGULAR SESSION

[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]

HOUSE BILL NO. 1926

91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.631 and 208.660, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the extension of the termination date of the children's health program, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Sections 208.631 and 208.660, RSMo, are repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.631, to read as follows:

208.631. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of social services shall establish a program to pay for health care for uninsured children.

Coverage pursuant to sections 208.631 to 208.660 is subject to appropriation. The provisions

4 of sections 208.631 to 208.657 shall be void and of no effect after July 1, [2002] **2007**.

2. For the purposes of sections 208.631 to 208.657, "children" are persons up to nineteen years of age. "Uninsured children" are persons up to nineteen years of age who **are**

emancipated and do not have access to affordable employer-subsidized health care

insurance or other health care coverage or persons whose parent or guardian have not had

9 access to **affordable** employer-subsidized health care insurance or other health care coverage

10 **for their children** for six months prior to application, are residents of the state of Missouri, and

have parents or guardians who meet the requirements in section 208.636. A child who is eligible

12 for medical assistance as authorized in section 208.151, is not uninsured for the purposes of

13 sections 208.631 to 208.657.

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[208.660. Up to ten percent of any federal funds received pursuant to the provisions of Title XXI of the Social Security Act and up to ten percent of any state funds used to match those federal funds may be used for outreach through the division of medical services for children's health programs established through sections 208.631 to 208.657. The division of medical services may contract with

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

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local public health agencies for purposes of this section. The provisions of this section shall be subject to appropriations.]

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to ensure that the children of the state

- 2 of Missouri continue to receive medical insurance coverage, section A of this act is deemed
- 3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is
- 4 hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of
- 5 this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.