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Brief Description: Establishing an arthritis pilot project.

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Declares that the purposes of this act are: (1) To create and foster a statewide pilot project that promotes public awareness and increases knowledge about the causes of arthritis, the importance of early diagnosis and appropriate management, effective prevention strategies, and pain prevention and management;

(2) To develop knowledge and enhance understanding of arthritis by disseminating underutilized but available educational materials and resources, information on research results, programs and services provided, and strategies for prevention and control to patients, health professionals, and the public;

(3) To implement and coordinate state and local pilot projects and services to reduce the public health burden of arthritis; and

(4) To provide lasting improvements in the delivery of health care for individuals with arthritis and their families, thus improving their quality of life while also containing health care costs.