Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 616 of the Regular Session

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2	94th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2023		SENATE BILL 204
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5	By: Senator D. Wallace		
6	By: Representative Gazawa	ny	
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF		
10	SEXUAL A	BUSE ACT; TO REMOVE THE AGE LIMITATION	FOR A
11	VULNERABLE VICTIM TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION; TO AMEND		
12	THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR A CIVIL ACTION; AND FOR		
13	OTHER PU	RPOSES.	
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16		Subtitle	
17	ТО	AMEND THE JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE	
18	VIC	CTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE ACT; TO REMOVE	
19	THE	E AGE LIMITATION FOR A VULNERABLE	
20	VIC	CTIM TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION; AND TO	
21	AME	END THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR A CIVIL	
22	ACT	TION.	
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25	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	NSAS:
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27	SECTION 1. Ar	kansas Code § 16-118-118(b), concerning	g the statute of
28	limitation for a civ	il action brought by a vulnerable vict	im under the
29	Justice for Vulnerab	le Victims of Sexual Abuse Act, is amer	nded to read as
30	follows:		
31	(b)(1) Notwit	hstanding any other statute of limitati	ion or any other
32	law that may be cons	trued to reduce the statutory period se	et forth in this
33	section, before he o	r she reaches fifty-five (55) years of	age a vulnerable
34	victim may bring a c	ivil action against any party who comm	itted sexual abuse
35	against the vulnerab	le victim or whose tortious conduct cau	used the vulnerable
36	victim to be a victi	m of sexual abuse.	

1	(2) Notwithstanding any other statute of limitation or any other
2	law that may be construed to reduce the statutory period set forth in this
3	section, a civil action similar to a civil action described in subdivision
4	(b)(l) of this section, including a cause of action arising before, on, or
5	after July 28, 2021, that was barred or dismissed due to a statute of
6	limitation is revived, and the civil action may be commenced not earlier than
7	six (6) months after and not later than thirty (30) months after July 28,
8	2021 the effective date of this act.
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