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Brief Description: Providing for admission of statements of vulnerable adults.

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Declares that a statement made by a vulnerable adult describing any act or attempted act of sexual abuse on the vulnerable adult by another or describing any act of physical abuse of the vulnerable adult that results in substantial bodily harm as defined by RCW 9A.04.110, not otherwise admissible by statute or court rule, is admissible in evidence in criminal proceedings if:

(1) The court finds, in a hearing conducted outside the presence of a jury, that the time, content, and circumstances of the statement provide sufficient indicia of reliability; and

(2) the vulnerable adult either: (a) testifies at the proceedings; or (b) is unavailable as a witness and there is corroborative evidence of the act.