

2026 SESSION

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1 **HOUSE BILL NO. 140**

2 Offered January 14, 2026

3 Prefiled January 5, 2026

4 *A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 30-414, 30-418, and 30-420 of the Code of Virginia, relating to Commission*
5 *on Federally Recognized Tribes; purpose; powers; sunset extended.*

6 Patron—Krizek

7 Committee Referral Pending

8 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

9 **1. That §§ 30-414, 30-418, and 30-420 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

10 **§ 30-414. Commission on Federally Recognized Tribes; purpose.**

11 The Commission on Updating Virginia Law to Reflect Federal Recognition of Virginia Federally
12 ~~Recognized Tribes~~ (the Commission) is established in the legislative branch of state government for the
13 purpose of performing a comprehensive review of reviewing Virginia law to assess recommend ways in
14 which it ~~must~~ can be revised to better reflect the government-to-government relationship between the
15 Commonwealth ~~should maintain, by treaty and applicable federal law, with the sovereign, self-governing,~~
16 ~~and federally recognized Tribal Nations tribes~~ located within the present-day external boundaries of the
17 Commonwealth.

18 **§ 30-418. Powers and duties of the Commission; report.**

19 The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

20 1. Performing a comprehensive review of Reviewing Virginia law to reflect ensure that it appropriately
21 reflects the government-to-government relationship between the Commonwealth and federally recognized
22 ~~Tribal Nations tribes~~ located in the Commonwealth as distinct governments with the right to exercise general
23 sovereignty and powers of government.

24 2. Submitting to the General Assembly and the Governor an annual report for publication as a report
25 document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing
26 of legislative documents and reports. The chairman of the Commission shall submit to the General Assembly
27 and the Governor an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Commission no later
28 than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted
29 for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated
30 Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General
31 Assembly's website.

32 **§ 30-420. Sunset.**

33 This chapter shall expire on July 1, 2026 2028.

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