

**Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement**

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB356

Patron: McDougle

Bill Title: Definitions; American Indians; Virginia recognized tribes; federally recognized tribes; sovereignty.

Bill Summary: Provides that the Commonwealth acknowledges the inherent sovereignty of federally recognized tribes within the present-day external boundaries of the Commonwealth. The bill also establishes definitions for "American Indian," "federally recognized tribe," and "Virginia recognized tribe" and amends various sections throughout the Code for the purpose of uniformity in terminology. This bill is a recommendation of the Commission on Updating Virginia Law to Reflect Federal Recognition of Virginia Tribes.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: A fiscal impact is not expected.

Fiscal Summary: This legislation is not expected to create a state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: See Fiscal Summary.

Other: This bill is identical to HB368.