Department of Planning and Budget
2023 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2211

House of Origin	☐ Introduced	☒ Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:**   Tran

3. **Committee:** Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. **Title:**   Graduates of foreign nursing education programs; licensure requirements.

5. **Summary:** Requires that applicants for licensure to practice professional nursing who are graduates of a nursing education program in a foreign country have (i) graduated or be eligible to graduate from a licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN prelicensure education program or (ii) graduated from a foreign RN or LPN/VN prelicensure education program that has been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable country and has been verified by an independent credentials review agency recognized by the Board to be comparable to a U.S. licensing board-approved RN or LPN/VN prelicensure education program; and have, if a graduate of a foreign RN or LPN/VN prelicensure education program not taught in English or if English is not the individual's native language, successfully passed an English proficiency examination that includes reading, speaking, writing, and listening components. The Board shall identify multiple approved entities to provide language examinations and multiple approved entities to evaluate and verify credentials earned from a nursing education program in a foreign country. The Board shall make the list of approved entities publicly available on its website.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Minimal.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The provisions of this legislation would have a minimal fiscal impact on the Department of Health Professions or the Commonwealth. Any increase in workload to meet the provisions of the bill can be handled within existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** None.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.