H.R. 2135 "Promoting Opportunity for Disability Benefit Applications Act"

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Summary of Proposal: Authorizes the SS Commissioner to give individuals denied OASDI and SSI benefits on an adverse determination of disability any information on appropriate public or private entities that provide employment services, vocational rehabilitation services, or other support services. The Commissioner would not be allowed to make referrals and the bill would go into effect 180 days after enactment.

Overall Fiscal Impact: Assuming enactment on July 1, 2015, the net effect for 2014-2015 is unclear but expected to be negligible. This is because the services provided are not paid for by the Commissioner and it is expected that people using the services will either (a) find employment and reduce if not eliminate the likelihood of reapplication, or (b) maintain their disability status because the services are not useful. For the long-range actuarial impact, it is expected that the bill would change the actuarial deficit by a negligible amount (less than 0.005% of taxable payroll).