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To amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to provide for quality reviews of benefit decisions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. COATS, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Improving the Quality
5 of Disability Decisions Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRE-EFFECTUATION AND POST-EFFECTUATION**
 2 **QUALITY REVIEWS OF HEARING DISPOSI-**
 3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) AMENDMENT TO TITLE II.—Section 205(b) of
 5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 405(b)) is amended
 6 by adding at the end the following:

7 “(4)(A) The Commissioner of Social Security shall
 8 conduct pre-effectuation and post-effectuation quality re-
 9 views of hearing dispositions with respect to decisions in
 10 connection with applications for benefits under this title,
 11 in a sufficient number to ensure compliance with laws,
 12 regulations, and other guidance issued by the Commis-
 13 sioner of Social Security.

14 “(B) The Commissioner of Social Security shall an-
 15 nually submit to the Committee on Ways and Means of
 16 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Fi-
 17 nance of the Senate a report that includes—

18 “(i) the total number of cases selected for a
 19 quality review as described in subparagraph (A);

20 “(ii) the number of such cases in which a deci-
 21 sion is remanded; and

22 “(iii) the number of such cases in which a deci-
 23 sion is modified or reversed.”.

24 (b) AMENDMENT TO TITLE XVI.—Section 1633 of
 25 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1383b) is amended by
 26 adding at the end the following:

1 “(f)(1) The Commissioner of Social Security shall
2 conduct pre-effectuation and post-effectuation quality re-
3 views of hearing dispositions with respect to decisions in
4 connection with applications for benefits under this title,
5 in a sufficient number to ensure compliance with laws,
6 regulations, and other guidance issued by the Commis-
7 sioner of Social Security.

8 “(2) The Commissioner of Social Security shall annu-
9 ally submit to the Committee on Ways and Means of the
10 House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance
11 of the Senate a report that includes—

12 “(A) the total number of cases selected for a
13 quality review as described in paragraph (1);

14 “(B) the number of such cases in which a deci-
15 sion is remanded; and

16 “(C) the number of such cases in which a deci-
17 sion is modified or reversed.”.

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