AN ACT to amend 20.435 (1) (ch) and 256.12 (5) (title) and (a); and to create 256.12 (5) (am) of the statutes; relating to: funding for emergency medical responder and emergency medical services practitioner training and certification and making an appropriation.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.435 (1) (ch) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act 12, is amended to read:

20.435 (1) (ch) Emergency medical services; aids. The amounts in the schedule for emergency medical technician and emergency medical responder training and examination aid under s. 256.12 (5) and for ambulance service vehicles or vehicle equipment, emergency medical services supplies or equipment or emergency medical training for personnel under s. 256.12 (4).

SECTION 2. 256.12 (5) (title) and (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2017 Wisconsin Act 12, are amended to read:

256.12 (5) (title) Emergency medical services practitioner and emergency medical responder training and examination aid. (a) From the appropriation account under s. 20.435 (1) (ch), the department shall annually distribute funds to ambulance service providers that are public agencies, volunteer fire departments, or nonprofit corporations to purchase the training required for licensure and renewal of licensure as an emergency medical technician under s. 256.15 (6) or for certification and renewal of certification as an emergency medical responder under s. 256.15 (8), and to pay for administration of the examination required for licensure or renewal of licensure as an emergency medical technician under s. 256.15 (6) (a) 3. and (b) 1. or certification or renewal of certification as an emergency medical responder under s. 256.15 (8).

SECTION 3. 256.12 (5) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

256.12 (5) (am) If an ambulance service provider does not use funds received under par. (a) within a calendar year, the ambulance service provider may escrow those funds in the year in which the funds are distributed to the ambulance service provider. In a subsequent year, an ambulance service provider may use escrowed funds to purchase the training required for certification or renewal of certification as an emergency medical responder or licensure or renewal of licensure as an emergency medical services practitioner at any level or to pay for administration of the examination required for certification or renewal of certification as an emergency medical responder or for licensure or renewal of licensure as an emergency medical services practitioner at any level.