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 first responder and emergency medical technician training and certification and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill allows the Department of Health Services to pay for aid for first responder training and examinations. Currently, and under the bill, DHS may pay aid for emergency medical technician — basic training and examinations. The bill also allows ambulance service providers that receive aids from DHS to escrow unused moneys and use those moneys in a subsequent year for first responder training and examinations or emergency medical technician training and examinations at any level.

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 is amended to read:

20.435 (1) (ch) Emergency medical services; aids. The amounts in the schedule for emergency medical technician — basic and first 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 are amended to read:

256.12 (5) (title) EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN AND FIRST 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 — basic under s. 256.15 (6) or for certification and renewal of certification as a first 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 — basic under s. 256.15 (6) (a) 3. and (b) 1 or certification or renewal of certification as a first 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 a first responder or licensure or renewal of licensure as an emergency medical technician at any level or to pay for administration of the examination required for certification or renewal of certification as a first responder or for licensure or renewal of licensure as an emergency medical technician at any level.

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