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CONTINUING COVERAGE

Ohioans on both sides of intoxicating hemp ban

Ban will cut revenue for small businesses.

By **Avery Kreemer**
Staff Writer

Opinions abound in Ohio as the state gets ready to ban the sale of intoxicating hemp products outside of state-approved recreational marijuana dispensaries, cutting out a major revenue source for hundreds of small businesses across the state.

Zain Hamdan, manager and partner at Eastown Smoke Shop on Dayton's east side, told this outlet that he expects the forthcoming ban to cut out about 25% of his shop's revenue.

He called the decision "unfair," saying it specifically hurts small businesses, like his, and helps big businesses, like the kind that can afford to jump through the state's hoops to become a licensed recreational dispensary.

"You're coming to take the item that I am making money on – you're making money on (in tax revenue) – away, and it does not benefit no one," said Hamdan. "That's where I come and say, let's regulate it, keep it, let's all make money. Focus on all, not one side."

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Store associate Ahmad Hamdan stocks Basic cigarettes as he starts his shift at the Eastown Smoke Shop on Monday in Dayton. JOSEPH COOKE / STAFF

ONLY IN THE DAYTON DAILY NEWS

Ohio approves tax break for 167 new CareSource jobs

Company plans to expand headquarters, add jobs in Dayton, Springboro, Union.

By **Thomas Gnau**
Staff Writer

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority approved tax breaks for several Dayton-area companies Monday, including incentives aimed at securing an expansion of CareSource's downtown Dayton headquarters.

The authority's board approved credits for CareSource, a downtown health insurance company, and Riverain Technologies, which develops medical technologies that use AI.

CareSource expects to create 167 full-time-equivalent positions,

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Vehicles drive past CareSource in downtown Dayton on Monday. CareSource Management Services LLC expects to create 167 full-time-equivalent positions, generating more than \$12.5 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's expansion in Dayton, according to the Ohio Department of Development. JOSEPH COOKE / STAFF

NEW DETAILS

Community frustrated with official response to shooting at Brown U.

Students petition for updates to security, alert systems.

By **Helen Wieffering, Byron Tau, Jennifer McDermott and Brian Slodysko**
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. – The ongoing effort to find a man who walked onto Brown University's campus during a busy exam season and shot nearly a dozen students in a crowded lecture hall has raised questions about the school's security systems and the urgency of the investigation itself.

A day after Saturday's mass shooting, officials said a person of interest taken into custody would be released without charges, leaving investigators with little actionable insight from the limited security video they had recovered and scrambling to develop new leads.

Law enforcement officials were still doing the most basic investigative work two days after the shooting that killed two students and wounded nine, canvassing local residences and businesses for security camera footage and looking for physical evidence.

That's left students and some Providence residents frustrated at gaps in the university's security and camera systems that helped allow the shooter to disappear.

"The fact that we're in such

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CLOSER LOOK

36 books removed, 95 restricted at Bellbrook school

Policy guiding access to materials in school library result of state's Parent's Bill of Rights.

By **Eileen McClory**
Staff Writer

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek School District has removed or restricted 130 books from school libraries since it enacted a policy that regulates sexual content and "gender ideology" in school materials, presentations, or books.

The new policy is part of the school's Parent's Bill of Rights put in place last April as a requirement from the state.

Five books were removed from Bellbrook Intermediate School and 31 books were removed from the middle school, according to documents reviewed by Dayton Daily News.

All of these books are still offered at the high school level but are restricted, meaning students have to get permission from their parents to check them out.

A total of 94 books were restricted at the high school, including Alice Walker's "The Color Purple," and Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughter-House Five," both of which were restricted for sexual content.

Other restricted books included John Green's "Looking for Alaska," about a teenage boy in love with a teen girl at a boarding school, and Rick Riordan's "The Sword of Summer," about a homeless teen who finds out he is the son of Norse gods and whose close friend is gender-fluid.

Eleven people spoke either for or against the removal of the library books Thursday at a Bellbrook school board meeting. Some argued the restrictions protect children and families, while others said that banning books sets a difficult precedent.

"Our children's hearts, minds and futures are at stake," said Paul Santoro, pastor at Christ Church Bellbrook.

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THE LATEST

Rob Reiner's son arrested after director, wife found dead. **B1**

Militant groups are working with AI, and the risks are real. **B2**

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