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Ohio lawmakers propose bill that would ban non-compete clauses for employees

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COLUMBUS, Ohio —A new bill that was introduced in Ohio could ban noncompete clauses in contracts for employees across the state.

Officials with the Federal Trade Commission tried to implement a similar ban last year, but it was blocked by a federal judge.

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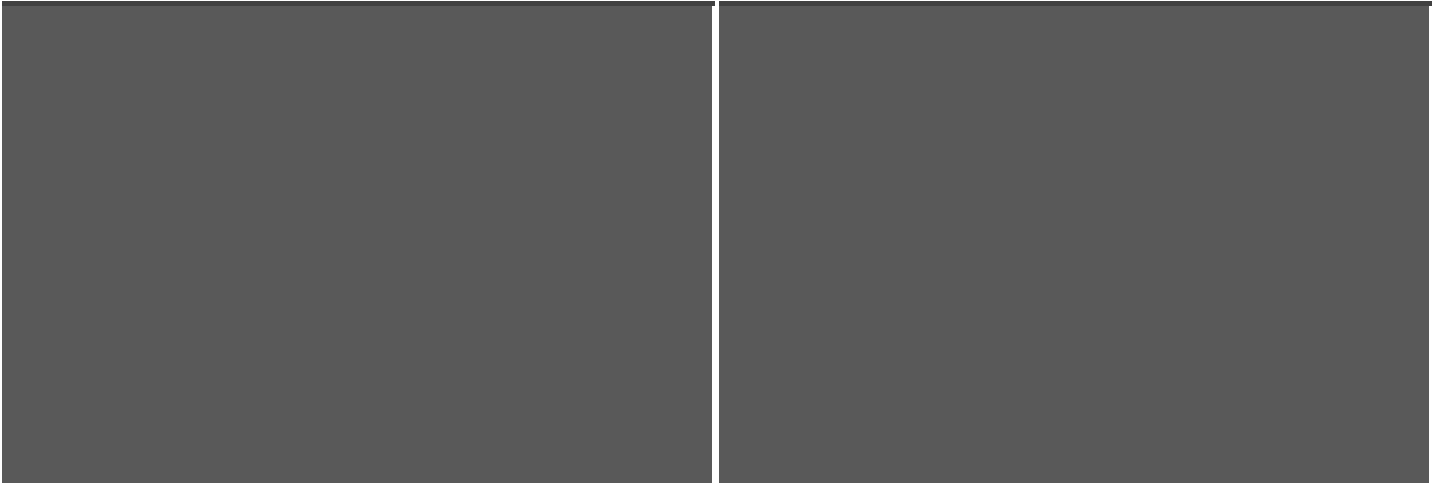
Now, lawmakers in Ohio are attempting to make a similar rule that would only apply to employees in the state.

Senate Bill 11, which is co-sponsored by Ohio state Sen. Louis Blessing III, of Colerain Township, **would prevent employers from enforcing noncompete clauses.**

Businesses argue that noncompete clauses could make trade secrets easier to steal, while proponents of the bill say that noncompete clauses are used as a tool to reduce wages.

The bill, which was introduced in January, is currently in a Senate committee.

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