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3. HB1066 "Hate Crime" Commission (passed 106 to 31 on 3/31/2023). Establishes the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention to “develop strategies to prevent and respond to hate crime activity” and “evaluate State laws and policies.”			Yes ✗
4. SB798 'Right to Abortion' in the Maryland Constitution (passed 98 to 38 on 3/30/2023). Proposes to amend the Maryland Constitution to declare a “fundamental right” to “reproductive freedom,” including but not limited to the ability to “prevent, continue, or end one’s own pregnancy.”			Yes ✗
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