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HB2563, by Long, also received a vote of 9 to 1. The measure provides alternative teaching certification for residential or treatment facilities. In a related alternative education issue, the Board of Juvenile Affairs met last Friday and discussed the need for more alternative education programs statewide. Currently, money for alternative education is appropriated by the Legislature to the Department of Education. The agency had told Superintendent of Public Instruction, Sandy Garrett, they wanted to come up with a permanent solution in this legislative session.

In another bill relating to juvenile affairs, **HB2755**, authored by Sen. Ben Brown, D-Oklahoma City, would require the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide reading assessments to juveniles upon placement in an institution or facility. Members voted unanimously in favor of the bill. The title was stricken.

HB2726, authored by Sen. Bernice Shedrick, D-Stillwater, authorizes local school districts and county or city-county health departments to enter into agreements assuring that a child who is returning to school after an absence due to head lice infection is no longer afflicted. Members voted unanimously in favor of the bill.

HB2107 and **2291**, also received unanimous votes by members. **HB2107**, authored by Sen. Mark Synder, R-Edmond, modifies exemptions relating to school activity funds collected by junior achievement or parent teacher associations or organizations sanctioned by the Board of Education. It was amended by the author to authorize that each school district's board of education map out policies and procedures for their district.

HB2291, by Long, clarifies language relevant to the suspension, demotion or termination of education support employees. Long explained that the measure was merely a shell bill.

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EDUCATION CHAIR EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT KEATING NOMINEE

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) The chairman of the Senate Education Committee is expressing concerns about Governor Keating's latest appointment to the state Board of Education, saying statements attributed to David Jared raise questions about his ability and desire to serve in such a position.

Jared's appointment must be confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate. It must also be approved by Senator Long's education committee.

Governor Keating appointed Jared to fill a vacancy on the education board earlier this month. Jared has told reporters that he didn't seek the position and was surprised when he was notified about it.

"I'm not sure how much thought went into this appointment, but I'm hoping that Governor Keating will take a closer look at it before he moves it forward," said Senator Long. "It might be in everyone's best interest for the Governor to withdraw the appointment."

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SENATOR ED LONG WRONG ON THE FACTS ... AGAIN

■(OKLAHOMA CITY) Governor Frank Keating's recent appointment to the State Board of Education, David Jared, withdrew his nomination this morning a spokesperson for the governor said. "It's just unfortunate that Senator Ed Long is more interested in playing politics and acting as the chief assassin for the liberal Democrat controlled education establishment than seeking the truth," John Cox, Deputy Press Secretary for the governor said.

"Senator Long has never expressed concern directly to the governor or anyone on the governor's staff over this appointment. In this instance if the senator would have taken the time to call our office this morning he would have known that Mr. Jared had withdrawn hours before the senator commissioned his press release. Instead he chose to manipulate the appointment process through

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