



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Martin J. Golden

## Senator Golden Improves School Readiness for NY Children

MARTIN J. GOLDEN May 2, 2012

Albany - State Senator Martin J. Golden (R-C-I, Brooklyn) today joined his colleagues in the New York State Senate in approving legislation (S. 5650C) that would improve children's school readiness by directing the New York State Commissioner of Education to evaluate and report on early childhood education in day care centers.

Senator Golden stated "I am proud to promote this legislation today because the millions of children in day care in our state deserve the best possible preparation for school. I hope the Assembly will pass this bill so that the Commissioner can prepare the study on how we can continue to improve on the great education of the students in New York"

The lack of education requirements and oversight by SED of all children starting at birth is of grave concern to a child's development and preparedness for kindergarten and beyond. The study required in this bill will examine key issues in and roadblocks in overseeing a child care system that places a strong emphasis on education.

The bill was sent to the Assembly.