



**DAILY DIGEST**  
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## **UTHSC Lab Receives \$4M in Funding**

The U.S. House of Representatives last week passed a bill that included \$4 million in funding for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's Regional Biocontainment Laboratory. The laboratory will be in the UT-Baptist Research Park in the Memphis Medical District.

The bill, H.R. 3222, passed the House by a vote of 400-15 and is expected to be signed into law by the president.

The Memphis Bioworks Foundation predicts the lab will have an economic impact of \$2 billion a year, creating 500 new jobs and \$250 million in annual salaries. Thirty to 50 scientific research positions are expected to be created at the time of its opening.

The lab is under construction on the site of the former Baptist Memorial Hospital on Union Avenue and is scheduled to be in operation by next summer. The lab will be used for biodefense and microbial research related to serious emerging infections.